

Dennis Clegg

Mark A. Pitt

Feb. 1, 1960

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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would like to know why Dan Smoot left the service of the F. B. I? His followers claim that he was so dedicated to America that he felt he must resign from the service so that he could put on these Dan Smoot reports.

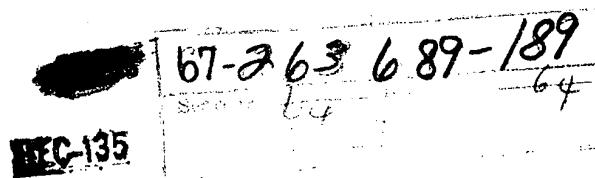
Also, I would like to know the truth about the author / ^{corrected} of this book who wrote about the "Strange Death of FDR?" ^{got it} with false death certificates etc?

I will certainly appreciate a straight forward answer on these two questions.

Thank you



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February 9, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated February 1, 1960, regarding Mr. Dan Smoot and the author of "Strange Death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

Mr. Smoot was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned.

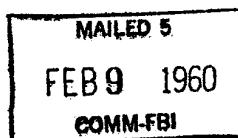
This Bureau is not in a position to make an appraisal or evaluation of the author of the publication you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Shortly prior to his resignation, Smoot was censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. His attitude before and after resignation was extremely antagonistic and he was not recommended for reinstatement.

37 [Redacted] in the Bureau Library advised that Emanuel M. Josephson is the author of the above-mentioned book.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hoover,

There is currently a television commentary each Sunday here in Hawaii, which has created an increasing amount of curiosity and doubt as to its primary purpose. This program carries the title of "Dan Smoot Reports" having a reportedly Dan Smoot give various factual comments, in addition to a few opinions of his own.

After viewing this telecast occasionally, it is our opinion the main objective in the speakers' mind is to tear down or degrade high government officials, some which may deserve it, however, all high level government leaders are not criminals.

It is believed the truth should not be twisted or distorted, to enable a person to put across their point of view; when people do this with true facts, they usually have ulterior motives. Some of the statements heard are not sufficient for libel action, however, they tend to direct peoples thinking into prescribed channels, levels and directions.

Our question to you is about whether or not your offices have any information concerning such person as mentioned above, that is available to the public? It is understood you have certain restrictions that make it necessary to refrain from releasing data on file and a negative reply should not be taken in a derogatory sense.

Your comments would be appreciated. Thank you.

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Very respectfully,

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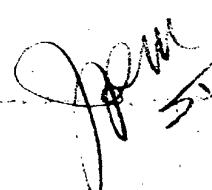
Dear Mr. Everett:

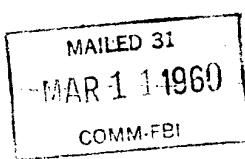
Your letter dated February 25, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. Furnishing data of the type you desire would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the individual you named, and I am unable to answer your inquiry. Please do not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have the related data in our files.

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Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director



NOTE: Prior correspondence had 7-18-55 with [redacted] who is apparently identical with correspondent. He was forwarded juvenile delinquency material and was advised that Director could not comment on a matter of legislative nature. (62-26225-8-1019) Correspondent made no inquiry as to Smoot's prior Bureau employment and this fact is not being mentioned.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Portland (62-2048)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/30/60

EUGENE, OREGON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

G. W. Murphy

Wash. Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter dated March 28, 1960, addressed to [REDACTED] prepared by [REDACTED] in which he again makes reference to DAN SMOOT.

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Attention is called to paragraph nine, page one, which indicates [REDACTED] has asked the Agent in Charge to get SMOOT off the back of Oregonians. As the Bureau knows, I have never met [REDACTED] and in the one telephone conversation which I had with him on March 29, 1960, he was advised he was in error in his statement to the effect DAN SMOOT had worked in the Portland FBI Division from 1942 to 1955. Although [REDACTED] does not definitely state he has personally talked with me, I think one might well obtain this impression. This letter is not being acknowledged as it does not appear one is required.

By way of additional background, [REDACTED] is believed to have resided most of his life at Eugene, Oregon. He attended the University of Oregon, and his father is a respected local realtor. [REDACTED] is about 45 years of age and some people in Eugene who have known him for many years sometimes refer to him as a "screwball" and others refer to him as a "plain damn fool." He is a prolific letter writer, makes long distance phone calls without hesitation and undoubtedly will continue to call and write the Portland Division and perhaps other FBI Offices or the Bureau.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent information obtained concerning [REDACTED]

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Eugene, Oregon
28 March 1960

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(Attention [Redacted])

Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs
U. S. Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear [Redacted]

With the nightmare of United Air Lines-United Nations behind us I don't intend to resume operations in the problem of Bishop Walsh and the other four men without throwing every possible protection around efforts here in Oregon. This protection is primarily against one member of the U. S. House of Representatives and against one former employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Dan Smoot.

Mr. Smoot is the hair shirt of the State of Oregon and by virtue of his very intimate knowledge of this state (I learned last week that he worked for the Portland bureau from 1942 to 1955) he is in a position to turn everything we Oregonians do into a "communist conspiracy." He has a network of agents and stooges here in Oregon as well as around the country to block any attempt to wage psychological warfare on our enemies from the civilian world. Whether it's committing the air transport industry into psychological warfare or getting five men out of Mao's prisons he has what it takes to block us and humiliate us.

I imagine FBI is as miserable about him as the rest of us.

By not smearing FBI he has probably hurt them worse than anyone else.

You know how much up to their necks the University of Washington is in the cold war. Smoot smeared them two weeks ago and I can imagine what kind of unprintable language is going into circulation up there.

Yesterday he smeared the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

And in the problem of Bishop Walsh and the five symbols we have been fighting for it is a major problem to keep a few moves ahead of Dan Smoot and the AROOSY-McCarthyite crowd or we will never get the men home. They'll rot in China if Smoot enters this problem in any way, shape or form.

He went into [Redacted]

own school district in Salem and wrecked it.

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In the mean time as you know I have 10,000 public school children here in Eugene standing by with all the legal work cleared to get some help from them in the way of defining the five-man tragedy in Latin America. With his intimate knowledge of this community Dan Smoot can wreck our efforts and I have asked the Special Agent in Charge of the Portland Bureau in every possible way I know to get Smoot off the backs of us Oregonians, not officially, but in some kind of personal and friendly manner.

You will see from the enclosures that we are stirring a stump to give Army Language Schools and CIA a hand by getting Oriental languages taught in the public schools. The letter of mine has opened up the question on

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the Pacific Coast and we'll be getting help from folks like Alan Watts (knows George Taylor) and what you might call the CIA irregulars, people like myself, private citizens, who depend on faith, wit and learning for survival. If Smoot hates CIA he'll break this up and turn it into some kind of communist conspiracy.

We're sitting on a powder keg. Two weeks ago, however, I decided Smoot or no Smoot Mao and Chou were going to get a taste of the State of Oregon in Latin America and we'll give him the same treatment in Latin America that we did in India and Southeast Asia.

Every family in Oregon is closing ranks in this problem and by this summer some of those birds in Peiping will be learning via Latin America that they made a fatal error pushing Dick Applegate around.

Class war is an appalling thing. Smoot, whose descendants may at some future time evolve to the metaphysical and psychological complexities of Piltdown man simply can't stand anyone who comes from a decent family, has a tradition, and works within it. He is waging class war on the Establishment and I am warning you of this simply because I went the same route with United Air Lines and know that guy's style.

Watch out for him.

In the mean time maybe FBI can figure how to deal with the guy in some very decent, delicate way. Very brainy coves.

I can't.

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Yours faithfully,

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 8, 1960

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Howard D. Smoot

Enclosed herewith is a letter from my constituent, Mr. Claude Hart, of Sunnyside, Washington, concerning television reports on Communist infiltration, which is self-explanatory.

Will you be good enough to send me a report on the questions raised in the enclosed communication, which may be forwarded to my constituent?

Many thanks and kind regards.

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Sincerely,

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Send to Mr. Hoover

Honorable Catherine May, M. C.
House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Dan Smoot over TV and thru his publication is saying many things about Communist infiltration in our country which are shocking to me. My first reaction is to make an effort to determine the validity of his statements. This leads me to consult you, being on the scene so to speak.

Perhaps I should introduce myself by saying that you were so kind as to call on me at my bank: my job is Manager of the Sunnyside Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank. I am also a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army Reserve attending training twice monthly at the Reserve Building in Yakima. My community activities include the Chamber of Commerce, the Yakima Valley Association of Chambers of Commerce, Lions Club(Dist. Gov. in 1957), and the Methodist Church.

I have attended the Armed Forces Industrial College (sometimes called National Resources Conference) which deals with Communism, and have read J. Edgar Hoover's book Masters of Deceit; and to me Communism is our No. 1 enemy in every way. Also I am pledged to fight it in every way. Consequently I'm deeply concerned when I read that the Methodist Church is involved; and if it is involved we should clean house.

People here are hesitant to act on the information we have, as there is doubt as to its authenticity, validity or truth. Our confidence in you has lead us to ask your opinion as to the correctness of such reports as those of Dan Smoot and the publication "The Defender." Some of our fine church members, including our mutual friend Mrs. Camillus Flower, feel we should act soon. We feel action should be based on fact. Perhaps you would assist us by determining for us through consultation with Mr. Hoover, etc., just how seriously we may be justified in regarding Dan Smoot's reports etc regarding for example Methodist leaders either unknowingly or otherwise bolstering Communist aims.

Respectfully yours,

/s/

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 - 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
 - 1 - Mr. Shaw

April 15, 1960

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Honorable Catherine May
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mrs. May:

I have received your letter dated April 8, 1960, enclosing a letter addressed to you from Mr. Claude Hart, Sunnyside, Washington.

As you may know, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and, as such, its jurisdiction and responsibilities do not extend to furnishing clearances, evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting on the publications as requested by your constituent.

I can advise you, however, that Howard D. (Dan) Smoot was employed in the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned. Since Smoot has no present connection with the FBI, the views expressed by him are his own and do not represent those of this Bureau.

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I trust that the above information will be of assistance to you, and I am returning the enclosure submitted with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

V. J. O'Day, Jr. [Signature]
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J. E. Tamm [Signature]
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R. J. G. [Signature]

Honorable Catherine May

ATTENTION: SAC, SEATTLE

Enclosed for your information is one copy each of the Congresswoman's letter and the letter from her constituent.

Hart wrote the Bureau on 4-20-52 requesting information concerning an individual who was involved in a controversy pertaining to the public schools in Sunnyside, Washington. The receipt of Hart's letter was acknowledged by Bulet April 29, 1952, and he was advised of the confidential nature of our files. (65-10492-961)

Howard D. Smoot served as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned. Prior to his resignation he was censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC. He is the author of "Dan Smoot Report," a weekly publication which deals with highly controversial topics. Refer to SAC Letter 59-17, Section F, dated March 24, 1959. (62-107576)

"The Defender" is a monthly publication of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, the headquarters of which are in Wichita, Kansas. Bufiles disclose that this is an anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic organization which was founded by the late Gerald B. Winrod, who was one of 30 defendants indicted for sedition in 1944. This "mass sedition trial" resulted in a mistrial on the death of the judge and the indictments were subsequently dismissed.

(65-4832-811)

For your information, the Bureau has had limited but cordial relations with Congresswoman May. (94-51919)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Copy of Congresswoman May's enclosure to her letter made for retention in Bufiles. See memo Baumgardner to Belmont, 4-13-60, "Catherine May, United States Congresswoman (Washington), Information Concerning, (Internal Security)," WGS:pw.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

5/19/60

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 5/13/60, [redacted] Dallas, Texas, telephone EM 1-2646, advised SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., she had attended a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY on 5/10/60. This meeting was presided over by [redacted] who resided on Abrams Road in Dallas. This meeting consisted of the showing of three thirty-minute films on this organization which is reputed to be a secret anti-Communist organization. [redacted] advised this organization publishes a publication known as "American Opinion". [redacted] advised he had eight organizers in the State of Texas, and that former Bureau Agent DAN SMOOT was backing this organization.

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The above is being furnished to the Bureau for their information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : D. J. Parsons

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO
INTERNAL SECURITY - MEXICO

DATE: June 7, 1960

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On 6/2/60 Andree M. Gonzales, nee Mildred Blanton, also known as Miren Aranguren, was referred to San Francisco Office by confidential source, SF 24-S. (Mrs. Gonzales stated she has commitment to furnish a series of articles on communist activity in Mexico to Dan Smoot, Dallas, Texas, in collaboration with Enrique Castro Delgado and Rodriguez Garcia Trevino. Smoot was a former Bureau agent and shortly before resignation was censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges against his SAC. His attitude before and after resignation was extremely antagonistic, and he was not recommended for reinstatement. He now publishes "The Dan Smoot Report." (67-263689-120, 184, 188) (62-10257-13) Castro Delgado, a Spanish communist, fled to Russia after Civil War, was later expelled by Party and went to Mexico. In 1950 he published book, "I Have Lost Faith in Moscow." (40-84417-1) (100-308748-2570) In 1955 CIA advised Garcia Trevino was head of a Socialist and Trotskyist youth group in Mexico. (105-40263) mex

According to Gonzales, a new political party known as the Partido Socialista de Mexico will be formed in Mexico headed by former Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas. Party will be modeled after socialist parties in Cuba and Colombia, and source stated close accord exists between Cardenas and Fidel Castro in Cuba. Mrs. Gonzales expressed opinion trouble is brewing in Spain as 50 communist leaders from different countries have been in and out of Spain during past two years, but she had no specific information as to trouble. She added that one of her sources is a Leonard Cooper with the British Embassy in Mexico City and stated he gave her a copy of a document in Spanish entitled "Noticias Sobre las Organizaciones Comunistas de Camoflaje for May, 1960." Mrs. Gonzales stated she has misgivings concerning personnel in U.S. Embassy, Mexico City, but could furnish no specific data. She expressed a willingness to cooperate with the Bureau.

OBSERVATIONS:

Bufiles contain no references on Mrs. Gonzales, and since she was unknown to San Francisco Office, she was not closely interrogated. It is felt she should be thoroughly interviewed for all information she might have on the communist situation in Mexico since what she has furnished is of a very sketchy and general nature. It is also felt that Legat, Mexico City, should be requested to comment on her information.

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Memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Parsons
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO
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as well as to make checks on Mrs. Gonzales, Castro Delgado, Garcia Trevino and Leonard Cooper in order to determine their reliability. Dissemination will be made when additional information is received from the San Francisco Office and Legat, Mexico.

ACTION:

There is attached for your approval a letter to the San Francisco Office with copies to Legat, Mexico City, along the lines indicated above.

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Also, when details received check with Legat Madrid re Communist leaders in & out of Spain.
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Date: 8/9/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (62-0)
 RE: DAN SMOOT
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
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The Oregonian, Portland daily newspaper, on 8/9/60, Page 11, contained an article under the by-line of DOUG MC CONNELL, staff writer, the Oregonian, captioned "Smoot Says Both Parties Tied to Communist Ideal." According to the article, on Monday night, August 8, 1960, SMOOT told a crowd of more than 1,000 persons at a Public Auditorium rally in Portland that "A vote for either party this November is a vote for the Communist manifesto." SMOOT was further quoted as having stated that "Liberalism is exactly the same as Communism." He was further quoted as having gone on to state "To the communist and liberal alike anything is justified if it advances the general welfare."

SMOOT, identified as a former Bureau agent, was reported to have stated that the objectives of communism were specifically to destroy the Walter-McCarren Immigration Law, which is now being advocated in Congress and to destroy the Internal Security Law and the Smith Act, "which the Supreme Court to a large degree has succeeded

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in doing." In referring to his investigations as an FBI agent, SMOOT was quoted as having stated "Whenever I made a report on a communist in our Government, I got promoted. I assembled indisputable evidence of perjury in many cases. In the cases of three labor leaders, the FBI had enough evidence to send them to prison, but the Department of Justice sent a note back to the Bureau stating 'prosecution now is not in the national interest at this time'." SMOOT charged, according to the article, that

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[redacted] but the other two "and possibly more" are still operating.)

The article referred to "The Dallas TV speaker" as having indicated that no cases had been brought to court after passage of the Smith Act in 1940 until 1950, and that to get the people's mind off communism, "a few sacrificial lambs were sent to the slaughter, SMOOT said, under the guise of being tried as leaders of communism here under the Smith Act." He was reported as having further stated that "the next step was to get the decoys off the hook," which, according to him, the Supreme Court did by freeing STEVE NELSON in 1956 and in 1957, in effect, declaring the Smith Act unconstitutional.

The article continues, "in 1959, we experienced total moral capitulation to communism, by inviting KHRUSHCHEV here. In 1960 KHRUSHCHEV returned the compliment by humiliating EISENHOWER." To prevent all this, according to SMOOT, all that would have had to have been done was "to quarantine communism in 1945."

The article concluded by reporting that in "blasting the two major parties," SMOOT had stated "both party planks support the principles of international communism. They are running against KHRUSHCHEV and yet stand on the communist manifesto platform."

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Portland, a real estate saleswoman outspoken in her strong opposition to communism and one who periodically volunteers information to the Portland Office on security matters,

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some of which is pertinent and confirmed through other sources, advised on 8/9/60 that SMOOT had been misquoted by the press article concerning the alleged promotion for reporting upon communists in the Government. Rather, he had stated that whenever a report was made on a communist in the Government, he (the communist) was promoted.) According to [redacted] she contacted the Oregonian reporter responsible for the article, who indicated that the unknown employee responsible for re-writing the material had introduced the error, and that a correction would be published. According to [redacted] some 2,500 persons were estimated by her to have been in attendance rather than the figure cited in the article.

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Department of History

August 19, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

A local organization, Discussions Unlimited, recently sent an announcement to its members that one "Dan Smoot, former professor of history at Harvard U., former F.B.I. executive ass't to J. Edgar Hoover" would address the group. Another group, the "Ass'n. Patriotic Women," has advertised Mr. Smoot as a "former F.B.I. Ass't to J. Edgar Hoover."

Since I have been familiar with the personnel of the Harvard History Department and I had never heard of a Harvard professor named Smoot, my suspicions were aroused and I wrote a letter of inquiry to Harvard. The Secretary to the Corporation of Harvard University answered that the statement about Mr. Smoot's connection with Harvard was not of the nature stated. Dan Smoot (then known as Howard Drummon Smoot), had been a part-time teaching fellow as a graduate student in English at Harvard until he withdrew as a student from the Harvard Graduate School on March 31, 1942, having "received a one-half course credit toward a graduate degree."

It is consequently, a bit difficult for me to believe that, if Mr. Smoot was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation soon after his departure from Harvard with "one-half course credit toward a graduate degree" in English, he became an "F.B.I. executive assistant to J. Edgar Hoover" within the immediate future. If not within the immediate future, did he ever become such an "executive assistant"? If the nature of Mr. Smoot's subsequent employment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation is classified information, this letter requires no acknowledgment. If the nature of his employment is information that can be furnished to an interested citizen, I would be very appreciative if you will send it to me.

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Sincerely yours,

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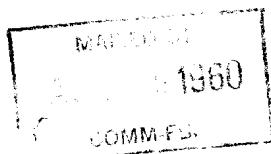
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Dear [Redacted]

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated August 19, 1960, regarding Mr. Howard Drummond Smoot, also known as Dan Smoot.

Mr. Smoot entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 23, 1942, as a Special Agent. Following a period of training, he performed investigative and supervisory duties. He voluntarily resigned effective June 15, 1951, for personal reasons.



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Sincerely yours,

cc Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Shortly before Smoot's resignation, he was censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges against his SAC. His attitude before and after resignation was extremely antagonistic, and he was not recommended for reinstatement. He is the author of the "Dan Smoot Report" a weekly publication which deals with highly controversial topics. Numerous inquiries have been received regarding Smoot's activities since his separation. By SAC Letter dated 3-24-59, it is noted that inquiries as to his former employment in this Bureau should be handled in a most circumspect manner and should be answered by merely giving the dates of his employment and no additional comment should be made.

Bureau files contain no identifiable information on [Redacted]

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SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

October 8

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

We firmly believe that without you, your very efficient and the Un-American Activities Committee, our country have been taken over by the communists years ago. Our country would not be in such dire peril now, if it weren't for our apathy.

Many Americans, once awakened, would fight communism if they knew how. We need expert guidance - and believe there should be someone in every town who could tell us how to fight effectively.

A few of us, here in Salinas, have been trying to fight, but we can only grope in the dark, with an ever-present fear that, unknowingly, we will become involved with a subversive group. We amateurs, not knowing what else to do, have been trying to awaken people, to stir them into fighting.

We have been following Mr. Dan Smoot (because of his having been an FBI man), using his reports, and using items from magazines and newspapers. This, of course, is not enough. Now, however, we are going to get some expert help from Mr. Karl Prussion (another ex-FBI man) if enough people will sign up to fight. But - it should be possible for even a few to fight, too. Isn't there some way that the patriots of every town could have a trusted person to turn to for guidance? We feel that even a few enlightened fighters are better than none in this effort to save our country.

If only you were our President or Attorney General, we would not have to worry, nor would we be in this condition.

Sincerely yours,

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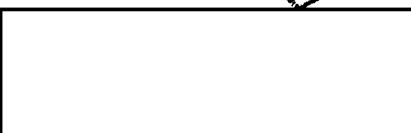
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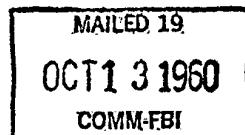
Dear [redacted]

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I have received your letter of October 8, 1960, as well as the telegram from your husband and you of October 5, and I appreciate the thoughtfulness which prompted you to write.

Your generous remarks concerning this Bureau are most encouraging. Public indifference to the menace of communism has always been of concern to me, and I am pleased to learn of your desire to become better informed on the subject. In view of this, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.



Enclosures (6)

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's Speech 10-3-60 before IACP
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning [redacted] Dan Smoot EOD 3-23-42 and resigned 6-15-51. Shortly before Smoot's resignation, he was censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges against his SAC. His attitude before and after resignation was extremely antagonistic, and he (NOTE continued next page)

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Mrs. John A. Edmonds

NOTE continued: was not recommended for reinstatement. He is the author of the "Dan Smoot Report" a weekly publication which deals with highly controversial topics. Numerous inquiries have been received regarding Smoot's activities since his separation. By SAC Letter dated 3-24-59, it is noted that inquiries as to his former employment in this Bureau should be handled in a most circumspect manner and should be answered by merely giving the dates of his employment and no additional comment should be made.// Karl Prussian was active in the Communist Party and the Young Communist League from 1933 until approximately 1938 in the Detroit, Michigan, area. At one time he rose to the position of organizer and was considered as a candidate of the Lenin School in Moscow and according to his own statements he dropped out of the Communist Party in 1938 due to personal reasons. He was a security informant of the Bureau from 1949 to 1958 when he was discontinued after he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen. In view of the background of Smoot and Prussian, no comment was made relative to a person to whom a town could turn to for guidance because of the possible implication of endorsing these two individuals.

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Riverside, California

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Dec 7, 1960

Dear Mr Hoover,

In recent months we have become very interested in Dan Smoot and his fight against communism. We have a chance to discuss this subject often, as my husband and I are both in groups, service and church, and meet quite a lot of people.

Recently in the middle of a good discussion where some uninformed new comers were being informed, one member spoke up and said - "Well it's clear you did not know that Dan Smoot was kicked out of the F.B.I. and he has started his paper to get even with the government and Mr. Hoover."

Mr. Hoover, we realize that the F.B.I. cannot recommend or condemn a person outright - But would it be possible for you to tell us if this is so- and we would appreciate anything else that you might feel free to add about Dan Smoot-

One short note from you would save weeks of argument with this so called 'informed person'. He is doing untold damage.

Thank you sincerely,

/s/

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December 20, 1960

Riverside, California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked December 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I can inform you that Mr. Smoot was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. As you can readily appreciate, I am not in a position to express an opinion concerning Mr. Smoot since it has always been my policy as Director of this Bureau to refrain from making any appraisals or evaluations of individuals, publications or organizations.

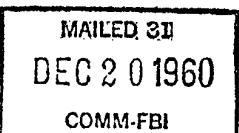
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover CC

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Howard D. Smoot, former SA, resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Livermore, Calif.

January 30, 1961

MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Although I am sure that you and your department have a great many problems of your own, there is a matter that is causing myself and many of my fellow citizens a certain amount of anxiety and concern.

That of which I speak concerns a Mr. Dan Smoot, host of "The Dan Smoot Report", a weekly television program presented locally and undoubtedly nationally. He deals with many touchy problems facing the public, the government, and the United States as a whole. For example, he recently discussed the gold reserve problem, the United States and its loss of gold resources, the American "monetary backbone", to foreign interests.

In his literature provided to the public, some freely, other at a small cost, he states in part that, "In 1942, he (Smoot) took leave of absence from Harvard to join the FBI", and, "after nine and one half years in the FBI, Smoot resigned to help start the Facts Forum movement in Dallas."

In view of this governmental and institutional background, there tends to prevail an air of sincerity and respectability on his part. But nevertheless in relation to the topics he covers, the views which he quite readily expresses and the action he strongly advocates, I am concerned, and would like

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Livermore, Calif.

to know if he or his organization is tainted with subversive ideas and material or is in any way unAmerican. In this I am not attempting to initiate a "witch hunt", as interest in public information and public action groups has recently provoked. Rather we all realize that the basis of our democratic American system of government is that of an informed public. Thus to remain (or become) informed, we wish to select among the information which is being presented to us with full knowledge of the source and ideas behind that information, so that we may add to our own knowledge of our country and its problems and situations.

If Mr. Smoot is "clean", and we feel he more than likely is, we can then proceed to recognize his views and to take appropriate action wherever necessary. To do this, we want to know just what he is, where he stands and for what.

Since he was once associated with your organization, we feel that our question may be most adequately answered by you than by any other source. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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February 8, 1961

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Livermore California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 30, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I can inform you that Mr. Smoot was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. I am not in a position to express any opinion concerning Mr. Smoot since it has always been my policy as Director of this Bureau to refrain from making any appraisals or evaluations of individuals, publications or organizations.

I am enclosing some literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5) Director's speeches 10-3-60 and 10-4-60
 What you can do to fight Communism
 Expose of Soviet Espionage
 Communist Target--Youth

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Howard D. Smoot, former SA, resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement.

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No. 10 Medical Arts Building
2232 North Seventh St.
Grand Junction, Colorado

January 31, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Evans
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Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

INTERNATIONAL

You may be interested in reception by our public to presentation of "Operation Abolition". It has had excellent response. The TV broadcast was followed by a panel of Lions members discussing the implications and with a request that comments be called and written. Over two hundred responded, all highly favorable except one. Most feel the power of the HUAC should be extended. The [redacted] commented that these insults even in J. P. court would have seen the offender in jail for contempt. [redacted] emphasized to me his feeling that much greater care should be exercised in selection of personnel to represent us on this committee, that at times some members had been chosen who were more interested in personal publicity for the next campaign than in doing a real job for Uncle Sam. Dan Woodward, head of the American Legion here believes that a policy of setting up grand juries of leading citizens in each area of investigation would be best. Everyone seems to realize the danger of the wrong people conducting the investigations as a definite hazard. This could backfire if disguised Communist sympathizers happened to be appointed and too much authority extended. The need for good central leadership in opposing the Communist infiltration was repeatedly emphasized; to separate propaganda from truth, to fearlessly expose Communists in high office, to separate those former Communists who have seen the light and now strongly oppose Communism from those still sympathetic to the cause. [redacted]

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[redacted] is still sympathetic.

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Any nation so threatened from within as these United States should have a strong resistance program with strong leadership. People seem to desire to do the right thing but do not know just how to go about it. Appointive offices are not within their area of influence. We doctors feel the Conference on Aging was rigged against us by Cohen and that he is a

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J. Edgar Hoover

dangerous man with entirely too much power. This is the feeling of the State Medical Society and as Speaker of the House of Delegates this year, I am in a position to know the reaction on return of our men from Washington. If it is possible for you to indicate any advisable course of action or person to whom we might look for advise and leadership, it would be more than appreciated. Personally, I like Dan Smoot and read him each week. I doubt that we can return to Constitutional Government at this stage as Social Security and income tax have gone too far. I think we may need a new party in government very soon.

Sincerely,

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Have just read your "Master of Deceit," —
& "I was a slave in Russia by Nobel" —
Real eye openers! —

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February 8, 1961

Number 10 Medical Arts Building
2232 North Seventh Street
Grand Junction, Colorado

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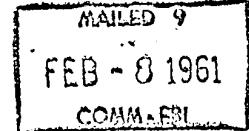
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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 31, 1961, was received in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city. I know he will appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending him your observations on the subjects you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary



NOTE: Bufiles reflect that [redacted] was written on 11-23-60 and was furnished communist literature. He had requested the Director's opinion of the film, "Operation Abolition." He wrote again on December 6 and 7 and requested 500 copies of "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA" as well as 500 copies of "One Nation's Response to Communism." He also mentioned various controversial individuals and publications at which time it was explained to him that the FBI did not furnish evaluations and that our files are confidential. His current letter asks for the Director to indicate any advisable course of action or person to whom he could look for advice and leadership in [redacted].

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connection with a matter dealing with the State Medical Society. As it appears his correspondence is approaching chronic proportions and our policy has already been explained to him regarding endorsements etc., it is felt the above reply is appropriate and his question is being purposely ignored.

Dan Smoot EOD 3-23-42 and resigned 6-15-51. Shortly before Smoot's resignation, he was censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges against his SAC. His attitude before and after resignation was extremely antagonistic, and he was not recommended for reinstatement. He is the author of the "Dan Smoot Report," a weekly publication which deals with highly controversial topics.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] There is no derogatory information in
Bufiles regarding [redacted] There also is no
derogatory information regarding W. J. Cohen.

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TRUE COPY

Sheridan, Wyo.
Jan. 30-61

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.

Dear Sir,

Dan Smoot

As one American I would like to say, I think that you and your men are doing and have done a wonderful service to our country and that I for one really appreciates it very much.

One thing I would like to know if you are at liberty to tell me is what is this socalled 1313 60th St. Chicago also what they call Metro goverment. Also how true are these Dan Smoot reports.

You know you hear so many reports that this is conmy & that is commy you really don't know what to believe. I want to say I don't like them or anything they stand for.

Hear is for all the success in the world for you and your men I am sincerely

/s/

[Redacted]
Sheridan,
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February 7, 1961

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Sheridan, Wyoming

Dear [redacted]

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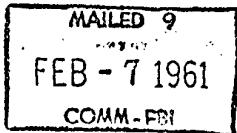
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FBI-BALTIMORE
19 JUN 1961

I have received your letter dated January 30, 1961, and I have noted your kind comments.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting upon the individual and organization you mentioned.

I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by this Bureau which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he would like to say that he thinks the Director and his men have done a wonderful service to this country. He then states he

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would like to know if we can tell him anything about the so-called 1313 60th Street, Chicago, also known as Metro Government. He asked as to the truth of the Dan Smoot Reports.

1313 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois, is the headquarters for a group of municipal government organizations, such as the International City Managers Association. There is nothing in Bufiles to indicate that these are other than legitimate organizations advocating a metropolitan form of government.

Dan Smoot is a former Special Agent who voluntarily resigned from the Bureau after being censured and placed on probation because of unfounded charges against his SAC. He now writes a newsheet which deals with various current and frequently controversial topics. We receive numerous inquiries concerning it. (62-10576)

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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
3. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
4. "America - Freedom's Champion."
5. "How to Beat Communism."

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
DALLAS 8, TEXAS

February 20, 1961

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Howard D. Smoot *DeLancey*
H.D. Smoot

In the February 1961 issue of Christian Crusade, page 4, Mr. Dan Smoot is identified as "former assistant of J. Edgar Hoover." I am well aware that Mr. Smoot has been an agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation in previous times, but was unaware that he held such an exalted position as assistant to you. Is this a correct description of his duties at any time? If not, will you please write to the Christian Crusade, 9 East Fourth Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma, indicating their misrepresentation?

Sincerely,

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Dear [redacted]

Howard D Smoot

I have received your letter of February 20, 1961, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to bring this information to my attention.

Mr. Smoot was, of course, employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. In response to your inquiry, he was at one time assigned to Bureau Headquarters along with many other Agents who are from time to time so assigned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory on correspondent and no prior correspondence. Howard D. Smoot, Former SA, Resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement.

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SAR to Honor J. S. Abercrombie

The man behind the Texas Children's Hospital, J. S. Abercrombie, will be honored by the Sons of the American Revolution Wednesday at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

Mr. Abercrombie will receive
the gold medal

Mr. Abercrombie will receive the good citizenship gold medal, presented annually by the Paul Carrington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, in the Emerald Room at 7 p.m.

Principal speaker will be Dan Smoot, noted author, commentator and editor of "The Dan Smoot Report." More than 10 persons are expected to attend.

Mr. Abercrombie helped organize the Texas Children's Hospital

In 1954, primarily through funds supplied by his Houston Pin Oaks Horse Show.

Proceeds of the famous charity show still go entirely to the Texas Children's Hospital.

Previous winners of the award include the late Governor Ross Sterling, and philanthropists Hugh Roy Cullen and Jesse H. Jones.

THE HOUSTON PRESS
2-21-61

Houston, Texas

RE: PAUL SMOOT

**FBI AGENT
HOUSTON DIVISION**

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'Sick of UN Sideshow,' Smoot Tells SAR Group

By ISABEL BROWN

The impeachment of Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, an amendment to the Constitution to abolish personal income taxes, withdrawal from the United Nations, the repeal of federal welfare laws and a return to the system of federalism were advocated Wednesday night at a Sons of the American Revolution dinner.

The advocate was Dan Smoot, former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent and the main speaker at the Paul Carrington

Chapter dinner at the Shamrock Hilton.

SMOOT HELPED organize the Facts Forum radio and television programs, which were financed principally by H. L. Hunt, Dallas oilman.

The dinner honored J. S. Abercrombie, Houston oilman and one of the organizers and principal supporters of the Texas Children's Hospital.

Abercrombie was presented with the gold Good Citizenship Medal, given annually by the SAP chapter since 1944. Mrs.

Abercrombie pinned the award on her husband.

Loren D. Stark, president of the Paul Carrington chapter, introduced Smoot as "one of our greatest freedom fighters" and described him as an author, editor and commentator.

"**SOME SAY THAT** I depress them because I am against everything," Smoot said. "But I will tell you a few things I am for."

"I'm for the impeachment of Earl Warren, which could be done if we had a Congress courageous enough to do it."

"I'm for the proposed amendment to the Constitution to do away with a personal income tax."

"I'm sick of the sideshow in the United Nations — the most effective instrument for promoting Soviet sabotage in this country."

"**I WOULD LIKE** to solve our

UN problem by giving our seat in the UN to Communist China and simultaneously evicting the whole spider web of Soviet espionage from the shores of this country."

"And I'm against the federal government entering into the welfare business. It's unconstitutional. And it never solves the problems; it just makes them worse."

Smoot also said that he was in favor of impeaching any government official who amends the Constitution by stretching its meaning.

NOTHING SHOULD be proposed by the President or Congress that is not specifically authorized in the Constitution, he said.

Smoot also said that many respectable Americans were lead-

THE HOUSTON POST

2-23-61

Houston, Texas

RE: DAN SMOOT, FORMER

FBI AGENT

HOUSTON DIVISION

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ing America toward Socialism and Communism.

"Government officials are sensitive to criticism of Communism because New Dealism and New Frontierism are so similar to Communism that it is difficult to condemn the one without condemning the others," Smoot said.

He urged a program to educate Americans to respect and understand the Constitution.

"It does no good to tell of the evils of Communism without pointing out that respected and powerful leaders of our country are doing the real work of socializing our country, which is exactly what the Communists want," Smoot said.

"WE MUST ultimately get a Congress, a president and a Supreme Court which will uphold the Constitution," he said.



J. S. ABERCROMBIE, LEFT, IS HONORED
Award Presented by L. D. Stark

—Post Photo

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Mr. Mohr

C. D. DeLoach

WALTER ROGERS
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

February 28, 1961

On 2-23-61, Kemper saw Congressman Walter Rogers (D-Texas) in connection with the attached memorandum, Baumgardner to Belmont, dated 2-20-61.

Kemper pointed out to Congressman Rogers we had never investigated the Communications Workers of America and for his confidential information there were no indications of communist infiltration of this union.

Congressman Rogers was very appreciative and stated that his constituents are becoming almost hysterical over the communist situation and that frankly he does not know how to control them. He said that the John Birch Society have the people in his district greatly stirred up as well as former Special Agent Dan Smoot. Congressman Rogers said he thought "Smoot should be arrested for some of the statements he makes." Kemper pointed out to the Congressman that while Smoot is a former Special Agent, we, of course, cannot control his writings. Kemper further noted to the Congressman that Smoot is one of those rare instances where a former Agent had traded on his relationship with the Bureau. Rogers stated that this was indeed unfortunate but he understood our position.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Parsons
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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Simpson

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Office Memorandum *PK*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (63-4296-19)

DATE: 3/21/61

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (94-197)

SUBJECT:

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CRIMDEL - CRS
 CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CRIMINAL MATTERS
 CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION
 RE: DAN SMOOT
 FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
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| Mr. Tolson |
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On 3/1/61 [redacted] Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Houston, Texas, furnished the following information he obtained from ADL informant that date. (This source of ADL held conversation on 3/1/61 with G. BAKER ROWLAND, owner of the Monarch Laundry, Houston, (father of ROBERT W. ROWLAND.) ROWLAND reportedly stated that DAN SMOOT, former FBI agent, radio commentator, and publisher of "The Dan Smoot Report", Dallas, Texas, would shortly file as a candidate for the U. S. Senate seat vacated by Vice-President LYNDON JOHNSON. This is to be a special election in Texas in which over thirty candidates have already announced. ROWLAND indicated he (ROWLAND) would serve as campaign manager for SMOOT and would assist SMOOT financially.)

On 2/28/61 [redacted] reported on a conversation between the same source and G. BAKER, ROWLAND held on 2/27/61 in which ROWLAND stated he and others were forming a new organization designed to rid America of communists and socialists, referring to this as a "new freedom party". ROWLAND allegedly stated he was a former member of the Ku Klux Klan; that his drive would be based on the KKK charge and

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would expose the President of the United States as a dupe, the supreme court as traitors, and the United Nations as a Russian military tool. ROWLAND commented he was proud to be sponsoring DAN SMOOT locally on radio station KXYZ, Houston, Texas, and he hopes to set up his own radio station in order to expose "the lies that are selling our country to the commies, niggers and New York Jews." This source considered ROWLAND to be a dangerous fanatic.

EVALUATION

[redacted] is a confidential source of this office who has furnished reliable information in the past. The information above, consisting of statements made by ROWLAND himself, have not been substantiated through other sources.

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OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

There has been no public announcement that SMOOT plans to enter the United States Senate race. If he should do so, it might be expected that he and/or his supporters would seek to capitalize on his former Bureau service to establish SMOOT as an anti-communist expert.

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

April 4, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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In biographical material about Dan Smoot of Dallas, Tex., it is stated that he served for some nine years with the F. B. I.

I believe this information to be correct but some people have questioned its accuracy.

Will appreciate very much having you advise me of the number of years that Dan Smoot served with the F.B.I.

I'm glad that our nation is blessed with dedicated men like you and with an organization that does so much to protect our freedom.

All good fortune to you and thanks for information I'm seeking.

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April 10, 1961

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Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of April 4, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. I want to thank you for your kind comments.

In response to your inquiry, Howard Dan Smoot was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942 to June 15, 1951. I would like to point out in this connection that any opinions or comments Mr. Smoot might be currently making through his Dan Smoot Report, lectures, and radio programs are strictly his own and do not represent the FBI in any manner.

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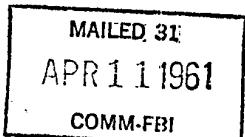
Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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4-61 LEB Introduction
Director's speech of 10-18-60
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GAMBIER, OHIO

April 6, 1961

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| Mr. Tolson | ✓ |
| Mr. Parsons | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr | ✓ |
| Mr. Belmont | ✓ |
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| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

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Director, J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: THE DAN SMOOT REPORT

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the job your department is doing
to keep America strong.

I am planning to write my senator concerning
some very important matters that have come to
my attention in the past weeks. Some of the
things were revealed in a publication written
by Dan Smoot in the DAN SMOOT REPORT. My quest-
ion is "How far can I trust the statements
made by Dan Smoot in the Dan Smoot Report?"

I will be deeply indebted to you for your effort
in answering this letter.

Sincerely,

Frank Dawson (S)

Frank Dawson, Pastor

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-17-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

Texas D.C.

SUBJECT: DAN SMOOT TO ADDRESS
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 4-18-61

The 4-16-61 edition of "The Sunday Star" contained an article concerning the activites of the 70th Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution which will open its convention with an address by Senator Barry Goldwater on the evening of 4-17-61. The article notes that Dan Smoot of Dallas, Texas, will discuss "I Will Not Sin by Silence" on Tuesday night, National Defense Night.

Dan Smoot is a former Special Agent of the FBI who entered on duty 3-23-42 and resigned 6-15-51. Shortly before his resignation he was censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges against his SAC. His attitude before and after resignation was extremely antagonistic, and he was not recommended for reinstatement. He is the author of the "Dan Smoot Report," a weekly publication which deals with highly controversial topics. This Bureau has received numerous inquiries regarding the activities of Smoot since leaving the FBI. A March 7, 1961, "Los Angeles Times" article entitled "Birch Program in Los Angeles Outlined-Thousands Reportedly Belong to Chapters in Southland," reveals "In line with Welch's Blue Book instructions, the society is working to broaden the audience of such commentators as Manion, Dan Smoot and, locally, Ed Delaney." A January 30, 1961, "Smoot Report" discusses possibilities of impeaching Chief Justice Earl Warren from the Supreme Court stating, "there are ample grounds for impeachment not only of Warren but of all nine Supreme Court Justices."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 20, 1961

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DAN SMOOT'S SPEECH AT DAUGHTERS OF
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CONGRESS (D. A. R.)
(FORMER FBI AGENT)

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On the evening of April 18, 1961, Dan Smoot, former Special Agent assigned to the Crime Records Division, was the speaker of the evening at the Daughters of the American Revolution's (D. A. R.) Continental Congress, being held this week at Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C. Suttler's mother-in-law, Mrs. Henry G. Goodloe, is a representative at the Congress from her chapter in Mississippi. Suttler had an opportunity last night to discuss with her Smoot's speech. Mrs. Goodloe stated Smoot spoke for 50 minutes; that his speech was interspersed with wit and subtle stabs at the Administration, "...but he was so witty..." it was difficult to pinpoint any one thing he said against various branches of the Government. Mrs. Goodloe stated he seemed to be "against everything" and one woman asked him if he was "for" anything. He answered this by stating he was 100% for the Constitution of the United States as written by the Founding Fathers, but would like to see it interpreted properly, or words to that effect.

Mrs. Goodloe further stated that in meditating on Smoot's remarks, she felt he was "very brazen"; that he criticized the President of the United States, which she felt was improper; that he condemned the Supreme Court and stated the Chief Justice and all the Justices of the Supreme Court should be impeached. A D. A. R. representative from Vermont yesterday told Mrs. Goodloe that regardless of the standing ovation which Smoot received at the conclusion of his talk, she did not like his talk as he seemed to condemn everything in the country, but had no suggestions as to how things might be improved.

Suttler asked Mrs. Goodloe if any mention was made of Mr. Hoover or the FBI by Smoot. She stated Smoot meticulously evaded making any derogatory remarks about the Director or the FBI as he was smart enough to know how the D. A. R. admires Mr. Hoover and Smoot would not dare say anything against the Director or the FBI before a body of D. A. R. representatives. She stated the only mention made of the FBI was during the course of Smoot's introduction by someone who mentioned he had formerly worked for the FBI.

Suttler is trying to obtain a transcript of Dan Smoot's complete speech as a matter of information to the Bureau.

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For information only.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 4-17-61

FROM : C. R. Davidson

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SUBJECT: HOWARD D. SMOOT

Former Special Agent

Resigned 6-15-51 - On Probation at time of resignation

The following is a brief summary of former Special Agent Smoot's record for the Director's use.

Mr. Smoot entered on duty on 3-23-42, served in various field offices and also in a supervisory capacity in the Investigative Division and the Records and Communications Division. In 1951 while he was assigned to the Dallas Division, during the course of an inspection he submitted a memorandum to the Inspector, Mr. G. C. Gearty, setting out various criticisms of the then SAC, Mr. Hawkins. In brief, he made allegations that the SAC had mishandled an investigative matter and submitted inaccurate information to the Bureau. The Inspector conducted a detailed inquiry into those allegations and found that they were unsubstantiated except for one instance of delay on the part of the SAC and an unintentional error in supplying information. In substance they were not true. It was recommended and approved that he be censured, placed on probation and transferred to the Savannah Office.

By letter dated 6-8-51 he submitted his resignation which was accepted by Bureau letter of 6-18-51. He was not recommended favorably for reinstatement. On his cease duty performance rating SAC Hawkins rated him SATISFACTORY with a minus rating in attitude inasmuch as his attitude had been extremely antagonistic.

In June, 1951, Smoot went to work for the "Facts Forum" a group financed and backed by the Texas millionaire oil man, H. L. Hunt. He resigned from "Facts Forum" in July, 1955, and since that time has been engaged privately as a commentator and as publisher of a news sheet entitled "The Dan Smoot Report." In response to a request made by SAC, Salt Lake City in October, 1957, the Bureau advised him of former SA Smoot's record while in the Bureau. He was instructed to be most circumspect in answering any inquiries concerning him or in any contacts the SAC may have with him. In March, 1959, a SAC Letter was prepared setting forth this same information in view of the many inquiries the Bureau had received concerning "The Dan Smoot Report".

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By letter of 2-14-58, former SA Smoot requested a brief letter from the Director setting out the bare facts that he served as a Special Agent of the FBI and served honorably until he voluntarily resigned in June, 1951. He commented that in his radio and television work he dealt with controversial issues and individuals who disagreed with his anti-communist, antisocialist view point and attempted to discredit him by spreading rumors that he was fired from the FBI. He added that if such a letter was furnished by the Director, he would make no other use of it than to have it photostated and copies sent to anyone questioning that he

was in the Bureau and left under honorable circumstances. By memorandum 2-19-58 it was recommended and approved that a letter be sent to him setting forth his dates of duty with the Bureau and the fact that he voluntarily resigned. This was sent on 2-20-58.

On 6-2-60 the San Francisco Office received information from a Confidential Source that [redacted] also known as [redacted] had stated she had a commitment to furnish a series of articles on communist activity in Mexico to Dan Smoot, Dallas, Texas, in collaboration with [redacted]

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Memorandum dated 2-28-61 reflected that Mr. Kemper saw Congressman Walter Rogers, Democrat from Texas, at which time Congressman Rogers stated that his constituents were becoming almost hysterical over the communist situation and that frankly he did not know how to control them. He said that the John Birch Society have the people in his district greatly stirred up as well as former Special Agent Dan Smoot. Congressman Rogers said he thought "Smoot should be arrested for some of the statements he makes." Kemper pointed out to the Congressman that while Smoot is a former Special Agent, we, of course, cannot control his writings. Kemper further noted to the Congressman that Smoot is one of those rare instances where a former agent had traded on his relationship with the Bureau.

It is noted that since leaving the Bureau, he has apparently capitalized on his former employment with the Bureau and the newsheet entitled "The Dan Smoot Report" of which he is commentator and publisher deals with such topics as communism, desegregation, etc, and is frequently highly controversial.

The January, 1961, Membership Directory of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Incorporated, reflects he is a Publisher, Radio and TV Broadcasting, and his business address is: The Dan Smoot Report, 6441 Gaston Avenue, Dallas 14, Texas. His residence is 1430 San Rafael Drive, Dallas 18, Texas.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
The Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You and I have exchanged letters over many years now, but I'm sure you will agree that I have never bothered you with any matters that I didn't consider should come to your attention or give you something to think about.

Howard Dan Smoot

Presently, I'm quite aware, you've got all you can handle in the area of "subversion" by the Communist apparatus without having to look into the matter of this growing tendency of "do-gooders" who think they are helping to fight Communism by taking matters into their own un-skilled hands. If they continue, I'm afraid they are going to cause you some headaches and thus deprive you of the time you need for keeping pace with the Communist movements.

This John Burch Society, I'm sure, has been called to your attention. It may mean well but it worries a lot of us since it claims one thing and acts peculiarly. Especially when it comes to character assassination, it is frightening. The way they'd have the public believing, practically everyone in our Federal government is a Communist agent.

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On top of this appears a man by the name of Dan Smoot who, by his claims, you must know very well. He has a ~~radio~~ ^{MAY 1961} broadcast weekly from Dallas. He also mails out pamphlets to subscribers. A friend of mine got hold of two concerning our Chief Justice, Earl Warren, which was, in my opinion, a disgraceful attack on a loyal American. This kind of smear is dangerous.

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I enclose a letter which I have written Mr. Smoot, hoping he will mend his ways, also a page torn from a recent issue of The Los Angeles Times regarding the John Burch Society.

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If these groups really wanted to help you, they should keep their mouths shut, listen, gather evidence, and forward it to you for your files, which is the proper place for it. Maybe you ought to make some kind of public statement, not naming any of them, but simply letting them know the harm they are doing by their acts.

With all of my very best wishes and kind regards,

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED] VISALIA, CALIFORNIA.

4 April 1961

Mr. Dan Smoot
Dallas 14,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Smoot:

I have on occasions listened to your t.v. broadcasts. Much of what you had to say made sense, much of it gave reasons for a more serious study of situations, much of it controversial, and much of it directly contradictory to your professed aims and purposes. As I understand it, your basic aim and purpose is to arouse the citizens to a point of action whereby they will ask for a return to our constitutional form of government, a government based upon Republican principles. This is understandable. I even agree that we have by public suffrage allowed the federal government to take on certain powers which were not allowed it under our Constitution.

However, if you uphold our form of government, surely then you must agree that in order to correct any defects, or to rectify public grievances, the people have a right to peacefully assemble, come to some orderly understanding, and address those grievances to the public office involved, or to The President if that be necessary. This is our right and our duty.

What puzzles me, and I'm sure it must be puzzling a great many other serious-minded citizens, is how you can make some of your public attacks and accusations upon parties, simply because you dig up evidence which leads you to suspect but not to prove through reliable, positive, documented evidence.

Someone mailed me your two pamphlets in which you make direct accusations and ask for the impeachment of the Chief Justice of The Supreme Court, The Hon. Earl Warren. I have carefully read all that you have to say. The evidence you produced certainly can not make Justice Warren the most popular of men, but is it based upon absolute facts or simply on your analysis of his acts in office? The late philosopher, Mr. Elbert Hubbard once said, "It is better not to know so much than to know so much that isn't so!"

I will not go back and pick out all of your statements in your case against Justice Warren, but I will give you a few things on which to ponder, and you will not be angry with me for so doing if you truly believe in justice, in our American liberties, and in our Constitution:

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First, in the history of our Supreme Court, it has occasionally made decisions which many individuals, many sections of our society, many of our local governments did not like and resented. Yet they were the honest opinions of able men, men of absolute loyalty to their country. Often, too, if you will look into some of the remarks of these men, you will discover that often they reluctantly handed down a decision which did not satisfy them for the simple reason that our basic laws are so set up that it allows many of the guilty to slip through loopholes which were meant to protect the innocent. I have, on a number of occasions, heard jurors say that many of our laws, in State as well as Federal courts, were so wide as to allow a clever lawyer to clear a client. They felt some of our laws should be more specific, more clearly defined, more accurate in definition. But since the laws were as they are, they could do no more than to respect and support them.

Therefore, I would like to suggest that if you wish to be fair in the matter, you should not attack Justice Warren, but call attention to the laws by which he is obliged to hand down his decisions. And you will find the proper place to put the blame. And this area can be corrected by proper parliamentary procedure.

It stands to reason that over the years, many of our laws have become outmoded and need to be replaced by ones more practical for the changes in our society. But to openly attack a man who is only doing his duty, no matter how much you may disapprove of what he does, is not compatible with our American way. And to ask for the impeachment of a Supreme Court Justice, especially on such evidence as you produce, is disgraceful in my opinion.

A man who publicly expresses himself, it seems to me, must be doubly careful of what he says, and must be absolutely certain of his evidence. Irresponsible reporting and opinionated conclusions are not welcome to the sane mass of Americans. And to damage a man's reputation by a smear campaign is stooping to the methods used by the Communists in their war against organized society.

I do not claim to know as much about the Communist conspiracy in America as you do, but I do happen to know a great deal about it since I came face to face with it, back in 1934, when one of its apparatus infiltrated our Screenwriters Guild in Hollywood and succeeded in gaining control of our board of directors. It was some time later that the whole thing was exposed. The FBI and the House Un-American Activities Committee brought it out into the open. Those few of us inside The Guild who openly fought from the beginning, got "blacklisted" by the Commy group who had dominated the writers group and spread their "sphere of influence" into the producers section, thus by "smear methods" and clever little tricks, keeping us out of work while having their supporters succeed. They knew if we kept strong we'd have licked them. But in spite of all the evidence we had (and still have) of this "blacklist" (which is recognized by The House Un-American Activities Committee to exist, we have not yet been able to pinpoint

to any individual or group as the instigators. We believe that still, underground somewhere, are hard-core Communists registering a sphere of influence on employment in Hollywood. And yet we do not have sufficient documentary proof, only certain evidence. We even suspect certain persons, and yet, since there is no definite proof, we do not name them or even whisper their names about. We have tried to do it the American way. It is not pleasant and it has not been easy, but we have managed to survive in spite of all they have done against us.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is well aware of all of this. He and his men are alert and careful - but patient. The House Un-American Activities Committee is also aware and alert. This is where such a situation belongs, so that the innocent do not get hurt by being wrongly accused, simply by questionable evidence.

Unless you know the underlying facts, often direct evidence can be misleading. For instance, although I suspected many of my fellow writers, back in those days before World War II of being Communists not a one of them ever asked me to join, and I never asked them if they were party members, but naturally I was curious. I wanted to meet Harry Bridges because he was causing some great amount of trouble just then, and I practically pushed my way into getting invited to a "gathering" at someone's home in Beverly Hills. At that gathering I was surprised to discover certain people who I would never suspect would have anything to do with Communism. But by the same token, I am sure they were surprised to find me there. And so, I can only conclude, they may have come for the same reason I did. As for this Harry Bridges, I had a very long talk with him, about conditions in the dockworkers unions, etc. and I only poked questions which he certainly went into great lengths to answer. I could see that here was a slick operator, carefully schooled, always on the alert, and a brain - even if I did not approve of his kind of mind. And that is what the Communists have, very clever, strong-minded, dedicated followers who guide the works. And I feel the more we know how they talk, the easier they are to detect. They use certain phrases words, expressions that are drilled into them. I tell you all this because, under the circumstances, someone could have seen me at this "gathering" and sent my name into the FBI or even spread it around that I was a party member. And how wrong they'd be. That is why we must be careful calling names simply by a certain amount of evidence.

Mr. Snoot, as a public figure, you can do a lot of good by being careful and you can do a lot of harm by being careless. I trust you are not offended by what I have had to say. This is my opinion and I am not bashful about saying what I think, but directly to the person involved, not in a smear campaign.

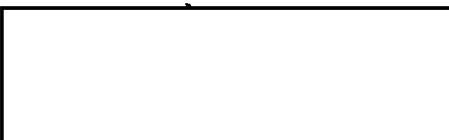
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April 14, 1961



[redacted] Visalia, California

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of April 4, with enclosures, and I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

The FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish comments or evaluations with respect to any individual, publication or organization. I firmly believe, however, that it behooves every one of us to make a concerted effort to gain a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist menace. A lack of understanding is dangerous in that it is often responsible for the reprehensible and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views.

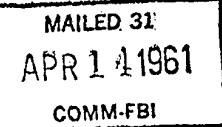
In view of your interest in the subject of your letter I am enclosing a copy of a statement I recently made which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: The John Birch Society was founded in 12/58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anti-communist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower.

(62-104401)

Dan Smoot to whom [redacted] refers is Howard Dan Smoot, former Special Agent from 3-23-42 to 6-15-51 at which time he voluntarily resigned. SAC Letter 59-17F instructed all field offices to be most circumspect in handling inquiries concerning Smoot. This Letter instructed that inquiries should be answered indicating that any opinions and comments he might currently be making in connection with his Dan Smoot Report, lectures or radio programs are strictly his own and do not represent the FBI.

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TRUE COPY

Tuesday, May 16, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

To whom it may concern;

I understand that Dan Smoot, a Texas T. V. commentator, and author of the Dan Smoot Report, was a member of the F. B. I. from 1942 until 1951.

Since Mr. Smoot has expressed such strong views for Americanism; against communism, pseudo liberalism, collectivism in general; he has left himself open to all sorts of charges. One of which is that he was never an F. B. I. agent, or that he was kicked out of the F. B. I. .

If it is not against your policy, I would greatly appreciate getting facts on Mr. Smoot from a source that I can trust to be objectively honest. If this is not possible, could you at least verify that he was a member of your organization. Thank you.

/s/ [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - No. Hollywood,
California

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May 25, 1961

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Dan Smoot

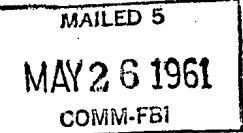
I have received your letter of May 16, and the interest prompting you to communicate is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I can inform you that Mr. Smoot was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. As you can readily understand, I am not in a position to express any opinion concerning Mr. Smoot's activities subsequent to his resignation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



NOTE: No information could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Howard D. Smoot, former SA, resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement. (67-263689)

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May 25th, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

In January of this year, I was elected by the Sarasota County Board of Public Instruction of Sarasota County, Florida, to be the chairman of this board for a two year period. One of my main concerns is the keeping out of our school system teachers and/or influences that may tend to be communistic. Just recently some information was given to me by a person in our employ, which raises some questions in my mind as to that person's loyalty and also to the reliability of the information which was given to me. May I request some answers to my questions?

Question 1. If there is a doubt in a person's mind as to the loyalty of another person or of that other person's tendency toward communism, what procedure should be taken to check out this second person?

Question 2. One of the articles given to me was called "The Dan Root Report". It is published in Dallas, Texas, by Dan Root, who supposedly worked as an FBI Agent starting in 1942. Can you give me some loyalty details on this person and do you have any information on his publications?

Question 3. Another publication was a brochure advertising the book "Bending the Twig" written by Augustin G. Rudd. In reading comments on the book, I notice such people as the following writing these comments:

- E. Merrill Root, Professor of English, Earlham College
- Dr. J.B. Matthews, Author and Lecturer
- National Economic Council, New York
- All-American Books, America's Future, Inc., New York
- Mrs. Walter Ferguson, columnist, Tulsa Tribune
- Willford I. King, Professor Emeritus, Economics, New York University

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There are also many others who wrote comments. Can you give me any information regarding any of the above and their author. My reason for requesting this, is that at one time our school staff had checked out E. Merrill Root, and we were not too impressed by the results.

Also, I have received a copy of "A Citizens Manual for Public Schools" written by Mortimer Smith. Do you have anything on this?

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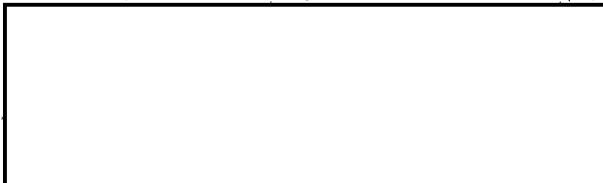
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I am deeply concerned about the infiltration of communistic ideas into our educational society, therefore, my personal request for the above information from you. I know that if I receive it direct from the FBI, it has not been tampered with in between.

Your cooperation and guidance in these important matters will be greatly appreciated and I will look forward to your acknowledgement of receipt of this correspondence.

Respectfully requested,



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Board of Public Instruction
Sarasota County, Florida

Note: Please address correspondence to my home address which is
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Sarasota, Florida.

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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June 2, 1961

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Sarasota, Florida

Dear [redacted]

HOWARD DRUMMOND Smoot

Dan Smoot

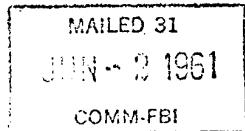
Your letter dated May 25, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

In view of the contents of your communication, I am instructing the Special Agent in Charge of our Tampa Office to have an Agent contact you in the near future.

I am enclosing two items of literature which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosed are two copies of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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MR. RICE
APR 21 1961

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NOTE TO TAMPA, CONTINUED

For your information, Bufiles contain no identifiable data of a subversive nature concerning any of the individuals and publications mentioned by the correspondent, except Mrs. Walter Ferguson. In 1943 she was reported to be considered a friend and sympathizer of the Communist Party. She has not been investigated by the Bureau.

(62-5-4917)

You are instructed to have an Agent promptly contact the correspondent and obtain the identity of the individual he states is of doubtful loyalty. The confidential nature of Bufiles should be carefully explained to the correspondent and it should be tactfully explained to him that it is not possible to furnish him information concerning the loyalty of an individual, including those individuals he may suspect and report to your office. Due to the confidential nature of our files, it is of course not possible to furnish him any information concerning the individuals and publications he mentioned; however, the correspondent should be advised that he should not infer that our files do or do not contain information concerning them.

The Agent may advise the correspondent that Howard D. "Dan" Smoot was employed as a Special Agent of the FBI from March 23, 1942, until his resignation on June 15, 1951. Any opinions or comments Smoot may be making through his "Dan Smoot Reports" and his lectures and radio programs are strictly his own and do not represent the FBI in any manner. (62-102576)

The results of this contact with the correspondent should be promptly furnished the Bureau under appropriate caption making reference to this communication.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
2. Director's Statement dated April 17, 1961, Concerning Internal Security.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that as Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction, his main concern is keeping out of the school system teachers who may be communistic. He has recently received information concerning an employee which raises questions concerning this employee's loyalty. Correspondent does not further explain and does not furnish the employee's name. He inquires as to the procedure to be taken to "check out this second person." He refers to Dan Smoot and requests information as to his loyalty and information concerning his publications. Correspondent also lists two organizations, two publications and six individuals and requests any information we may have on them.

TRUE COPY

May 26, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been receiving the "Dan Smoot Report", which I'm sure you are familiar with. I know nothing about this man except what I read in his report.

I would appreciate knowing if he is on your list of known Communist or if he has any Communist leanings.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/s/

Vonous trouvez ci-dessous

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8 JUN 1961

Address reply to:



Miami, Florida

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June 5, 1961

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Miami, Florida

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 26, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I can inform you that Mr. Smoot was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. In that Mr. Smoot is no longer connected with this Bureau and the opinions expressed are his own, I am unable to comment regarding him.

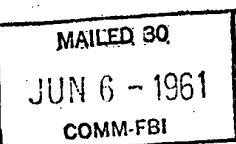
Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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B P Enclosures (3)

4-17-61 Statement re internal security

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosure was a small sheet containing background information on Smoot.

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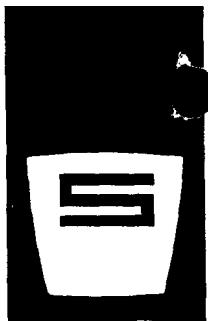
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June 14, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been interested in reading one of "The Dan Smoot Reports". The one which I am looking at now, dated May 15, 1961 (Volume 7, No. 20), contains a brief resume of Smoot's background which I assume is accurate. This resume asks whether the readers believe Smoot is providing effective tools for those who want to think and talk and write on the side of freedom. Since I feel definitely so inclined, I would like any comment which your office would be willing to make about "The Dan Smoot Reports". I am fully aware of the fact that as an Agency of the United States Government you cannot endorse any commercial enterprise but my question is aimed at asking your Bureau for any official comment which it can make with regard to the implication that the Smoot Reports, at least from the standpoint of past background, would accord with the aims of the F.B.I..

Any information which you can give me in this regard will be sincerely appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,


SARKES TARZIAN, INC.

EAST HILLSIDE DR.

Bloomington Indiana

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June 22, 1961

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Sarkes Tarzian, Inc.
East Hillside Drive
Bloomington, Indiana

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated June 14, 1961, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Smoot was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. In that Mr. Smoot is no longer connected with this Bureau, I am unable to comment regarding any opinions expressed on his own in publications he prepares.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Howard D. Smoot, Former SA, resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement. (67-263689)

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Edmond, Oklahoma
July 22, 1961

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Dan Smoot of P. O. Box 9538, Lakewood Station, Dallas
14, Texas writes an information pamphlet available by
subscription.

Of his background, Mr. Smoot states he was employed by
the Federal Bureau of Investigation several years and was
an assistant to J. Edgar Hoover for a period of time.

Would you please write me verifying these statements of
Mr. Smoot. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

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July 28, 1961

[Redacted]
Edmond, Oklahoma

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 22, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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In response to your inquiry, I can inform you that Mr. Smoot was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. In that Mr. Smoot is no longer connected with this Bureau and the opinions expressed are his own, I am unable to make any additional comment regarding him.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)

4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism

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FBI Training Helps Dan Smoot's Report

By FAIRFAX NISBET



DAN SMOOTH ...good background.

AMOST ANY morning residents of Forest Hills will see a slender, handsome young man taking a before-breakfast constitutional, making a mile in a steady, determined trot.

The track man in question would be Dan Smoot, former FBI agent and onetime administrative assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, former teacher, and presenting radio and television commentator, author and publisher of The Dan Smoot Report, a magazine presenting the conservative viewpoint on the leading political issues of the day.

And this morning walk, which occurs daily when he is in town, is just about the only exercise possible for a man whose every waking hour is devoted to his work. And it's particularly appropriate for a man who has never been interested in spectator sports. In everything he does he must participate.

And possibly this was the reason that he became an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, when at the outbreak of World War II he was turned down for all branches of the armed services because of broken-down arches and red-green color-blindness.

This plus his background was an excellent training ground for his present work. Born on a farm near East Prairie, Mo. which is in the southeast corner of the state, he was on his own early, as his parents died when he was quite young. He says that as a teenager he did just about every kind of manual work that a boy or man ever did to earn a living — from chopping cotton in Arkansas to shining shoes in Denver, from mining coal in southern Illinois to riding fence on a great sprawling ranch in western Nebraska.

It was during this time he arrived in Dallas, fell in love with the city and its friendly warm people and has never changed his mind. He got a job at the Ben E. Keith Co. working 15 hours a day, 6 days a week for \$40 a week because the manager, Tom Ransom, believed in giving jobs, not handouts. During the next 9 years Smoot worked for Keith he acquired a wife, a high school diploma, and B.A. and M.A. degrees from SMU in that order. His early benefactor Mr. Ransom died before he finished college which was the one sad note.

Later Smoot received a teaching fellowship at Harvard and enrolled for a doctorate but World War II and his serv-

"The Dallas Morning News"
Dallas, Texas

7-30-61

Jack B. Krueger, Managing
Editor
Submitted by Dallas Office

ice with FBI interrupted this. From 1946 to 1948 he was administrative assistant to J. Edgar Hoover. It was during those years that he became acutely concerned about the powerful, often controlling influence of foreign ideologies in American national affairs.

In 1948 he was transferred to Dallas because of illness in his family, serving as an agent of the Dallas office until 1951 when he resigned. He was with Facts Forum until 1955 when he started his own independent publishing of The Dan Smoot Report, a free enterprise effort which is not subsidized, but depends on its circulation sales only.

In addition Smoot is heard on 68 radio stations and seen on 35 TV stations, all sponsored programs. Included is WHAA-TV, Channel 8, where the program is telecast each Sunday at 1 p.m.

A controversial figure, Smoot has had listeners and viewers suggest that he jump off a Dallas skyscraper, others praise him to the skies and some lady viewers have proposed marriage.

At first Dan and his wife handled the work of research and getting out the Report themselves on their dining room table. Now they have a staff of 12 with more to be added. Every topic is carefully researched and documented and the system of filing and cataloguing used is a simple form of the one used by the FBI.

A man who doesn't mince words in expressing his views on the state of the nation in his broadcasts, Report articles or speeches, in person Smoot is always quietly courteous, never raises his voice or gets into violent arguments with those who disagree with his political views. And he is all the more effective because of this approach.

In great demand as a speaker, he recently was the chief speaker at a Fourth of July celebration put on by the local Jaycees in Houston. According to the Houston Post, police estimated that a crowd of 60,000 attended.

Smoot whose broadcasts and telecasts are aired on numerous California stations, says the greatest compliment he ever received was given him by a maid in a San Francisco Hotel. An immigrant from Czechoslovakia, she recognized him from his telecasts on an Oakland, Calif., station.

"Mr. Smoot, it is good to meet you, she said. You talk about America like I pictured it back in Warsaw, the one that made me want to come here to be part of such a great country."

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S. L. Smith*

Ex-FBI Agent Will Give Two Lectures Here

Two major addresses will be given here Saturday by Dan Smoot, television commentator and former FBI agent, at the Symposium on Freedom at Hollywood High School.

Ruhl M. Samples, symposium director, said Smoot will speak at 3:30 p.m. in the school auditorium on "The Invisible Government." The subject matter will be the Council on Foreign Relations, which derives its principal support from the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations, Samples said.

At 8:30 p.m. Smoot will speak in the school football stadium on "The Harsh Requirements for Freedom," outlining what the patriotic citizen can do to protect his freedoms and liberties.

After leaving the FBI, Smoot helped start the Facts Forum movement in Dallas. Since 1955 he has published the Dan Smoot Report, which also is telecast nationally and is presented here at 6 p.m. Saturdays and 1:30 p.m. Sundays on KTTV (11).

LOS ANGELES TIMES

DATE 7-21-61

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

EDITOR *Rick B. Williams*

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

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July 19, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Internal Security

Dear Sirs

If at all possible would you have a member of your staff answer the following questions.

1. In what capacity did Dan Smoot serve with the FBI?
2. What is and who is behind the so-called Canadian Intelligence Service?
3. I know of one socialist group to which Robert Welch of the John Birch Society belongs. Are there others? Does JBS pose a threat to America?
4. There are a number of people calling themselves former agents and spies of the FBI. Is there any way to check their background? Do you know of any people claiming to be former FBI spies in Communist activities who in reality are phony?

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I'm sorry to put it this way, but a number of people are asking these questions and I've had a few myself. Any information you can forward will be deeply appreciated.

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the Honorable John A. Murdy, Jr.
The State Senate
Sacramento 14, California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of July 19, 1961, has been received, and the interest prompting your communication is appreciated.

Mr. Dan Smoot was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons.

I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you regarding the other matters you mentioned since the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the subjects of your inquiry.

If you have any information concerning individuals posing as former Special Agents of the FBI, please furnish it to our office located at 422 Federal Office Building, Civic Center, San Francisco 2, California.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with either

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Bufile 105-15137, and he was investigated by the Bureau in 1951
in connection with his Fascist and anti-Semitic writings under the
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a sensationalist and an alarmist.

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The John Birch Society was founded in 12/58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anticommunist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401)

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Mesa, Arizona
August 27, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Attention special agent:

Dear Sir:

I watch a program on television every week called the Dan Smoot Report and receive his written reports. Would you mind telling me if what he says is his history is true (I am including a summary of it) and if you would tell me since he says he was with your department what position he held? If he was with you, was he exceptionally good? I am very interested in know this, since some of his reports I will use in school and need some verification of his background other than his say so.

Thank you
Sincerely yours
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Mr. [redacted]
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September 5, 1961

[Redacted]
Mesa, Arizona

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 27, 1961, has been received; however, the item you mentioned that was to be included did not arrive with your letter.

In response to your inquiry, I can advise you that Mr. Smoot was employed in the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. Since Mr. Smoot is no longer connected with this Bureau and the opinions he expresses are his own, I am unable to comment regarding him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufile 77-1985 indicates that we conducted an investigation concerning one [Redacted] in response to a special inquiry from the Office for Emergency Management. This investigation was conducted in 1942, no derogatory information was developed, and the subject resided in Washington, D. C., and Missouri. The files contain no information which would indicate that the correspondent and the subject are identical other than the similarity of their names (possibly father).

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[Redacted]
San Bruno, Calif.
September 6, 1961

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Mr. Gandy
Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Tele. Room
Mr. Tele. Room
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Dept. of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Is there or is there not a position titled "administrative
assistant" to J. Edgar Hoover? Mr. Dan Smoot states that he held
that position and Mr. George Sokolsky states in his column of
Sept. 5, 1961, Los Angeles Herald & Express that "no such position
exists in the F.B.I." Thank you.

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September 15, 1961

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San Pedro, California

Dear [redacted]

Howard D. (Dan) Smoot

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In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that there is no such position in the FBI entitled "Administrative Assistant to the Director"; however, Mr. Smoot was a Special Agent of the FBI from March 23, 1942, to June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily submitted his resignation.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information of a derogatory nature identifiable with Carter, with whom we have had limited cordial correspondence, last outgoing 3-31-61. He is a member of the John Birch Society. Howard Smoot, former SA, resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement.

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See memo Callahan to Mohr dated 9-13-61 captioned "Use of Title 'Administrative Assistant' for Special Agents," EWW:bak.

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TRUE COPY

Box 231
Maryville, Tennessee
September 25, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Out of your busy days you have twice taken time to answer my inquiries. The second time was in reply to a question concerning a report in the "Interchurch News" by Louis Cassels to the effect that F. B. I. Inspector William C. Sullivan was being sent by you to make speeches over this country on the fact that Communist infiltration in our churches was negligible and that you were much worried about the people in our country who said otherwise.

On August sixteenth you sent me a copy of Inspector Sullivan's speech to the Cincinnati Citizens Committee. From this speech we learned that Mr. Cassels had quoted a sentence from the end of the speech that, while true, when lifted out of context gave a completely different meaning than was intended.

Many of us are completely astounded that the leaders of our National Council and World Council of Churches can not see the threat of Communism but instead are doing everything to promote a One - World government which can today be nothing but a Red World government.

Your answer to my letter, plus the enclosed speech, may be the information needed to spur our church to study the policies of the N. C. C. and take action against it. Unless a church congregation does this and actually cuts off funds, we can have no effect on this august body.

Now, at the request of several friends I have been asked to submit another question to you. We all take the Dan Smoot Report and have felt that we were getting factual information from this report.

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Several days ago George Sokolsky lamented the fact that ex - F. B. I. agents were making a living out of their past F. B. I. experience by calling themselves former Administrative Assistants to you. He claims there is no such post in your organization.

Now we do not know whether to believe Dan Smoot or not, because he claims to have been another Administrative Assistant. If this claim is false can we believe the rest of what he tells us?

[redacted] an ex communist will speak in Maryville October 22, 23, & 24. We hope he will wake up some of our blind neighbors and friends, but what good will it do when the President of the U. S. and his closest associates all seem determined to destroy us?

Yours truly,

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[REDACTED]
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear [REDACTED]

DAN O'SMOOT

September 29, 1961

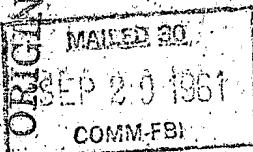
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TO [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of September 25, 1961, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in furnishing me the benefit of your observations and comments.

In view of your concern, I wish to advise that there is no position in the FBI entitled "Administrative Assistant to the Director"; however, Mr. Smoot was a Special Agent of the FBI from March 23, 1942, to June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily submitted his resignation.

I am enclosing some material you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2)
The Deadly Contest
The Communist Party Line

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect limited cordial correspondence with [REDACTED] last outgoing 8-16-61. Reprint material being sent to her not being duplicated. The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of

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[redacted] claims to have been a member of the
Communist Party prior to 1939 and in recent years has been touring
the country lecturing on communism. The Denver Office has described
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M. MARTIN, JR.

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MARTIN & GREENWADE COTTON CO.

P. O. Box 808 .. PHONE MA 2-4750
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

September 21, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is in the nature of a request for information
regarding an unsolicited copy of "The Dan Smoot Report"
dated August 28, 1961. I received this report with a
covering letter from [redacted] of [redacted]

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The above report covers topics of such nature that the
average person seldom has the facilities to substantiate
them. Therefore, could your organization say whether
or not Mr. Smoot's information is generally creditable.
Some publishers seem to me to take certain liberties
with facts at times.

Mr. Smoot's report also mentions that he was an employee
of the FBI for over nine years. This would seem to infer
that his information had been obtained after diligent
investigation and strict evaluation. However, I know of
no way of determining this, without asking your organ-
ization about it.

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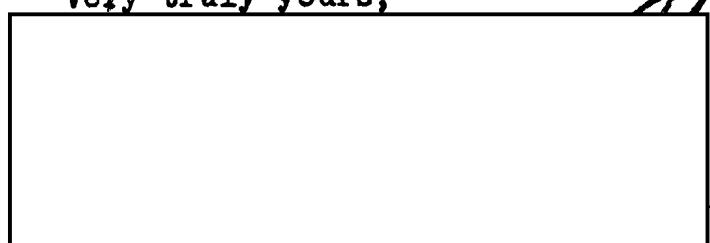
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Very truly yours,

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Roswell, New Mexico

Dear [redacted]

Don Smoot

Your letter of September 21, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In response to your inquiry, I can inform you that Mr. Smoot was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned. I am not fully acquainted with Mr. Smoot's activities since he left the FBI; however, I can assure you that he has not had access to the files of this Bureau subsequent to his employment.

Enclosed is some material on the general subject of communism you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Howard D. Smoot, Former SA, resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement. (67-263689) From time to time the Bureau and field offices receive inquiries concerning a newssheet entitled "The Dan Smoot Report," published at Dallas, Texas, on a weekly basis by Howard D. (Dan) Smoot. This newssheet deals with various topics such as communism, desegregation, etc., and its articles are frequently controversial.

✓ M. A. Jones

October 1, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Dept., Of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I will make this letter short and to the point. The problem is this. I've been a strong supporter of the Dan Smoot Reports for several years and when I let someone read the reports I receive from Smoot they some times through this question at me.

All this is very interesting but who is this Dan Smoot. How can we believe what he puts in these reports. I know you can't come out and say you like or dislike the smoot report, but what I would like is a reference on Dan Smoot. The reason I am asking you is as you know Smoot was with the FBI for nine years, and if any one could tell me you could.

As of yet I have not read your book but am looking forward to doing so. There is so much to read on the subject of Communism and government.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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[Redacted]
Van Nuys, California.

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of October 1. Your concern about the problem of communism is understandable, and I do appreciate your interest in my book.

In response to your inquiry, I can inform you that Mr. Smoot was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 18, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. I am not in a position to express any opinion regarding Mr. Smoot since it has always been my policy as Director of this Bureau to refrain from making any appraisals or evaluations of individuals, publications or organizations.

Enclosed is some literature on the subject of communism you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

The Communist Party Line

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Smoot Tells Rally 49th Callup Wrong

By JOHN DAVENPORT

Radio-TV commentator Dan Smoot assailed the mobilization of Texas' 49th Armored Division as fitting in with the Communist plan for the United States, in a speech before more than 2,500 persons here Monday night.

Smoot spoke to a cheering crowd of the newly organized National Indignation Convention at Dallas Memorial Auditorium, formed Saturday night to protest the training of Yugoslav pilots at Perrin Air Force Base.

Smoot said the Communist plan for the U.S. is to de-emphasize our nuclear deterrent capability and concentrate on limited ground wars.

He said the Russians are not worried about troops in Europe because they know how to cope with them there, "but they are afraid of any action we might take in the Far East."

Smoot detailed this country's aid for Yugoslavia and asked, "Why are you getting excited? We've been doing this sort of thing for 15 years."

He said the United States "ought to withdraw from all world organizations, including the United Nations and the World Court."

President Eisenhower won his election by promising to go to Korea and "then a year later settled the Korean War with a truce on their (the Communists) terms," he added.

"Does it make sense that we are planning to fight Communists in Viet Nam and then not fight them 90 miles away in Cuba?" he asked.

Smoot called for "the return of limited constitutional government," the repeal of the income tax, military intervention in Cuba and withdrawal of American forces in West Germany.

Among the other speakers were Maj. Harry Knickerbocker whose complaint that Yugoslav pilots are

training at Perrin set off the current furor.

"The State Department says the planes the Red pilots are flying are obsolete, and then the government gives them to us in the Air National Guard to fly," he said.

"The State Department says the program is all right because it's been going on for seven years. Murder has been going on longer than that."

Convention chairman Frank McGehee announced that instead of going through with original plans to telephone President Kennedy and other national leaders from the floor of the auditorium, efforts would be made to get in touch with state congressmen.

"We have decided that to get this thing rolling, we'll have to start on a smaller scale so that the movement won't be stopped in the higher levels of Washington," he said.

A total of \$3,500 was raised through donations during the meeting to pay the costs of renting the auditorium "for as long as we can."

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Jack B. Krueger, Managing Editor

Submitted by Dallas Office

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For Beliefs, Says Ex-FBI Man

1500 'Indignants' Yell As Dan Smoot Talks-'Era of the Great Grin'

By ARLO WAGNER
Press Staff Writer

A former FBI agent said Wednesday night Americans have been afraid to stand up for their beliefs since the Korean War.

Only in the last two years has a minority of U. S. citizens become brave enough to demand an accounting from public officials, said Dan Smoot, pamphleteer from Dallas.

Mr. Smoot aroused the most reaction thus far in the National Indignation Convention which attracted about 1500 to the Music Hall for its third nightly session.

Enthused by Mr. Smoot's reception, the Houston NIC chairman Cam Womack, announced that the meetings will continue at 8 tonight when Frank McGeehee, who originated the NIC in Dallas, will speak.

Four times the audience rose to its feet, yelling and clapping for Mr. Smoot. The occasions were when he:

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Houston, Texas
RE: DAN SMOOTH
FORMER FBI AGENT
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1. Suggested that public officials who interpret the constitution to suit their needs should be impeached.
2. Advocated abrupt and complete halt to foreign aid.
3. Said Chief Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren should be impeached.
4. Stated, "Get the U. S. out of the United Nations and the UN out of the U. S."

He also said Congress should repeal the amendment that imposes the income tax.

Mr. Smoot first condemned the American citizenry before he lambasted public officials. He said:

"I was ashamed of you when Eisenhower signed the most shameful peace treaty in the history of our country after the Korean War. Not a one of you spoke up.

"Remember? You told me you were afraid.

"I am delighted to see you angry enough now not to be afraid.

"And, what kind of spineless, treasonable people do we keep up there in Washington?

"When Stalin died, nowhere in the Western world was there a statesman with enough sense and manly courage to say, 'Thank God the bloodiest butcher in history is dead.' They made speeches in the UN about what a great man he was."

He called Eisenhower's administration "the era of the great grin."

He said the cultural exchange program Mr. Eisenhower established in 1955 "was an effective spy system that distributed Communists to every sector of our country."

Despite Tito's repeated praise for Russia, America calls him "friend" and continues to give him foreign aid. Mr. Smoot said:

"Tito re-labels our goods and gives them to his people under his seal or sends it to Red China through Hong Kong.

"Tito was the leader of the neutral nations which criticized the U. S. Sept. 1, 1961, for calling upon Russia to stop nuclear tests."

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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DEAR MR. HOOVER:

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO INQUIRE OF THE RELIABILITY
OF ONE MR. DAN SMOOT, FORMER F.B.I. AGENT.

Howard P. Smoot

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION SOME OF MR. SMOOT'S
WEEKLY LETTERS ON NEWS ARTICLES CALLED "THE DAN SMOOT
REPORT." MY QUESTION TO YOU, MR. HOOVER IS THIS:
IS MR. SMOOT, IN YOUR OPINION A RELIABLE PERSON, NOT
PRONED TO EXAGGERATE OR MISLEAD THE PUBLIC? I HAVE
FOUND NO REASON BY READING THE SUBJECT REPORT TO THINK
THAT MR. SMOOT IS TRYING TO MISLEAD THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.

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SINCE MR. SMOOT WAS FOR NINE YEARS EMPLOYED BY THE F.B.I.
(ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED REPORT), BUT MY MAIN
INTEREST IS THAT THIS MAN CAN BE RELIED UPON TO PRESENT
ACCURATE INFORMATION TO THE READERS OF "THE DAN SMOOT
REPORT."

IT IS MY FEELING THAT THE AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE IN
MANY CASES BEEN DENIED THE RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT
WHAT TAKES PLACE IN OUR UNITED STATES AND "THE DAN SMOOT
REPORT" SEEMS TO BE VERY ENLIGHTENING ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

IT WOULD REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TO DO
RESEARCH WORK SO AS TO DETERMINE THE ACCURACY OF THE
SUBJECT REPORT AND IN SOME CASES IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE
AVERAGE CITIZEN.

I WILL ACCEPT YOUR APPRAISAL OF MR. SMOOT WITHOUT
QUESTION AND BASE MY EVALUATION OF "THE DAN SMOOT REPORT"
UPON SAME.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

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Chattanooga, Tennessee

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 4 has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I can inform you that Mr. Smoot was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. I am not in a position to comment on his activities subsequent to that time inasmuch as it has always been my policy to refrain from making any appraisals or evaluations of individuals, publications, or organizations.

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism

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Nov. 2, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to know some background information on Dan Smoot, P.O. Box 9611, Lakewood Station, Dallas 14, Texas.

We receive in the mail copies of his Dan Smoot Report. Some of them seem to have questionable material in them, especially vol. 7, no. 5 (Broadcast 287), Jan. 30, 1961. In this one his subject, or lead article, is "Impeaching Earl Warren--Part One."

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We just want to know if he is exercising his right to freedom of speech, or is there more to his publication that schools should know about before accepting it.

We would appreciate some kind of a guiding statement.

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Sincerely yours,

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November 20, 1961

[Redacted]
Glenelg Senior High School
Glenelg, Maryland

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 15, 1961,
has been received, and the interest which prompted you to
write is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I can inform
you Mr. Smoot was employed in the Federal Bureau of
Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, un-
til June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal
reasons. Since Mr. Smoot is no longer connected with
this Bureau and the opinions expressed in his writings and
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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his
dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not
recommended for reinstatement. (67-263689) Data concerning Smoot's
affiliations with the FBI is being given correspondent since she receives
the Dan Smoot Reports and probably she wrote the Bureau knowing that
he is a former Special Agent.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-436567) DATE: 12/1/61

SAC, DALLAS (105-1264)(P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL INDIGNATION CONVENTION
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Enclosed to the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum and ten copies of articles appearing in the Dallas and Fort Worth newspapers concerning captioned organization.

For the information of Washington Field Office, the National Indignation Convention was formed in Dallas, Texas, on October 14, 1961, at a rally attended by 300 individuals at the Dallas Auditorium. The meeting was led by FRANK B. MC GEHEE, a Dallas garage owner and self-admitted member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. The meeting was mainly in protest against Yugoslav pilots training at Perrin Air Force Base. Following the disappointing crowd at the Saturday night meeting of this convention, 1200 individuals met on Sunday, 10/15/61, and on 10/16/61, an estimated crowd of 2500 persons was present. Among the speakers were Major HARRY KNICKERBOCKER, the Air National Guard Pilot who originally made the complaint concerning the Yugoslav airmen, Major General HARRY CRUTCHER, head of the Texas Air National Guard, and DAN SMOOT, former FBI Agent. This group plans to meet in Washington, D.C., when Congress reconvenes 1/10/62.

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Mesa, Arizona
December 23, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hate to bother you since you are a very busy man, but I have two questions to ask you:

First, I am sending you a clipping of a report from Mr. Dan Smoot. On this clipping Mr. Smoot has written a summary of his life I am interested in knowing if this summary is true, if it isn't too much trouble. I wish you could comment on his reports, but unfortunately I know you can't.

Second, I am also sending you a copy of The Insider's Newsletter. I would like to know if this weekly publication is accurate or true.

I wouldn't bother you, but I need a good foundation for some reports I have to do and I have to have good, accurate material for the foundation.

Thank you,
Sincerely yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of December 23, 1961, with enclosures, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

In response to your discussion, Mr. Howard D. Smoot was a Special Agent of the FBI from March 23, 1942, to June 15, 1951, at which time he voluntarily submitted his resignation. Since Mr. Smoot is no longer associated with this Bureau, his opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any manner. You may wish to know that there is no such position in the FBI as "Administrative Assistant to the Director."

While I would like to be of assistance to you concerning your other questions, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I am unable to comment in the manner you suggested.

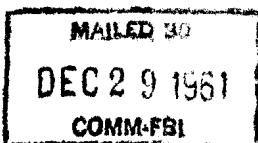
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10-61 LEB Introduction

The Communist Party Line

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WHO IS DAN SMOOT?

Dan Smoot was born in Missouri. Reared in Texas, he attended SMU in Dallas, taking BA and MA degrees from that university in 1938 and 1940.

In 1941, he joined the faculty at Harvard as a Teaching Fellow in English, doing graduate work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the field of American Civilization.

In 1942, he took leave of absence from Harvard in order to join the FBI. At the close of the war, he stayed in the FBI, rather than return to Harvard.

He served as an FBI Agent in all parts of the nation, handling all kinds of assignments. But for three and a half years, he worked exclusively on communist investigations in the industrial midwest. For two years following that, he was on FBI headquarters staff in Washington, as an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover.

After nine and a half years in the FBI, Smoot resigned to help start the Facts Forum movement in Dallas. As the radio and television commentator for Facts Forum, Smoot, for almost four years spoke to a national audience giving both sides of great controversial issues.

In July, 1955, he resigned and started his own independent program, in order to give only one side — the side that uses fundamental American principles as a yardstick for measuring all important issues.

If you believe that Dan Smoot is providing effective tools for those who want to think and talk and write on the side of freedom, you can help immensely by subscribing, and encouraging others to subscribe, to *The Dan Smoot Report*.

Dallas 14, Texas

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The Insider's Newsletter

An every Monday report for busy MEN who need to know what's going on.

New York, N.Y., November 13, 1961

NEUTRALISM: THE NEW WAVE

Neutralism, the psychology of a nation that wants out of the U.S.-USSR conflict since it figures it can neither win nor exert any important influence on the outcome, is spreading to countries we've long considered as strictly on our side.

1. OAS in danger--Latin insiders report their area moving toward non-alignment as a backwash of Communism's landing in Cuba. Organization of American States had always been able to handle hemisphere disputes because the Latins accepted U.S. protection. But since Cuba, the Latins have begun to feel the hemisphere no longer has a solid wall against any outside enemy, and so they'd better not ally too closely with Washington. The Latins were naturally much impressed that one small Latin country, with Russian support, was able to thumb its nose at the Yanquis--and get away with it. The Kennedy idea that we'd attack Castro through OAS hasn't worked so far because the bigger nations--Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, in all of which anti-Yankee feeling has always been a political factor--are stalling. If this continues, the insiders agree, OAS will split, perhaps irreparably, and become ineffective as an area force.

2. Turkey worries NATO--The Atlantic Treaty Organization chiefs are watching the new Ankara government with grave concern. The Army leaders who engineered the Menderes coup and then hanged him were badly shaken when his old party won almost as many votes as their own group in the recent elections. This weakened the government's position so seriously, insiders say, there's now a genuine danger Turkey will slip toward neutralism as far as NATO commitments are concerned.

Footnote: Even Italy is worrying U.S. diplomats, who report the neutralist sentiment growing in that country with the rise of the Socialists, who insist that the Italians must loosen their NATO ties.

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THE DEATH RAY: Naval Research Laboratory is working on a "death

ray." NRL doesn't call it that (and military potential is being played down officially in favor of such peaceful uses as long-range communications and radar)--but that's just what it is, scientists are assuring the insiders. Official name of the project is MASER or Microwave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation; it's a device that focuses light waves so intensely they could cause destruction at great distance. MASER is what Air Force Chief of Staff Lemay was hinting at the other day when he said we shouldn't count on any one strategy and weapon-system, since a radically new one might come along. What Lemay meant: It's budget time again, and the AF wants a bigger share of the military funds, particularly the space development money now concentrated in NASA. P.S. The Pentagon takes it for granted the Russians are working on the same sort of ray that NRL is.

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THE BAD UNCOMPROMISE

U. S. diplomats are whistling in the dark with their celebrations over election of UN Secretary General U Thant as a "good compromise candidate." The Russians are the ones really pleased, UN insiders report. The Russian figuring: (1) Burma, U Thant's country, is susceptible to Soviet pressure should it be needed to keep him in line. (2) The Russians are confident that they've already infiltrated the UN mechanism sufficiently to prevent the organization from operating as an important, independent world force. The UN official in charge of personnel placement is a Russian, and Russians holding UN secretariat jobs have increased by 50 per cent since early in 1960. Note well that UN insiders agree the Russians work for UN as agents of their government. Footnote: U Thant's acceptance of a role as Asian representative, as well as Secretary General, certifies the accomplishment of a broad Soviet purpose--to reverse the Hammarskjold development of UN into an organization that's strictly international rather than national or regional.

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WHAT NEHRU SAID PRIVATELY: The Indian Prime Minister indicated to Washington insiders that he's really much more concerned about the Communist problem than he can say publicly--his military and his borders being as weak as they are. Nehru informed his hosts that he'd seen some of the made-in-Red China maps that have just come across into India. They still showed part of India as part of China--a territory dispute which Mao Tse-tung had assured Nehru would be settled in a way India would like. Also, Nehru said, the Chinese maps showed part of Russia as being rightfully Chinese.

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GALVAO STRIKES AGAIN: Associates of Henrique Galvao, the Portuguese revolutionary who stole the liner Santa Maria, report him about ready

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to make another drastic move in hopes of stirring up resistance against Antonio Salazar, Portugal's ruler. Most recently Galvao has been reported in Scandinavia, but heading back toward Portugal. The insiders report that the next Galvao fracas will be inside Portugal itself, and that will bring "fireworks."

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ANOTHER DOLLAR CRISIS COMING?

Financial insiders expect that the Federal deficit will go well over the officially predicted \$7 billion--perhaps as high as \$9 billion--and Western European economists expect that the reactions will soon be felt in the American economy. So far, these experts report, about all that's kept us from inflation and even caused price softness in many key lines, is the high U.S. unemployment rate. But economists also feel sure that an inflationary trend must come, if current conditions continue, especially when word of the out-sized deficit becomes public. With the investor-insiders already looking for a weakening of the dollar, hot money is beginning to move into Swiss investments. Unless the deficit drift is firmly snubbed, these insiders predict, the international speculation against the dollar will soon be on big scale again. P.S. It was precisely to head this off that Kennedy last week ordered his agencies to trim their spending, even if some pet projects had to be cut to the bone.

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NEW TAX DRIVE: Tax Foundation experts predict pressure for higher taxes will be concentrated on state legislatures in the next few years. TF reasoning: Local governments have generally reached the limit of their taxing powers, but with the cold war intensifying, the Federal government will be less inclined to take funds from and then pump them back to the states for aid projects. Hence, it'll be up to states to come up with the money. The Foundation says states with income taxes but no sales taxes will be forced to enact the latter, and vice versa. And states with both but still in need of funds will have to impose higher rates and/or broaden the base for taxes.

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ON THE INSIDE: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is suffering a serious chronic ailment, though keeping up her busy schedule....South Africa didn't exactly give John Luthuli complete freedom out of kindness when the Union government said he could go abroad and get his Nobel Prize. Under foreign exchange law, a big cut of the money will be taken away from him when he returns home....Stanford marketing experts predict discount house sales will top \$4 billion this year, 40 per cent over 1960....The first Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, built in 1906, has just been driven from London to Edinburgh. It's run 400,000 miles and is still in perfect shape....Chancellor Adenauer had indicated privately he'll deal with the East Germans on all issues short of outright recognition.

Inside Business

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ON WALL STREET

British government securities are now attracting speculative money, as anticipation of a fiscal 1962 budget surplus, combined with the austerity program introduced this past summer, feeds investor confidence. Also, American speculators believe that the long-term trend of interest rates on British government bonds will be downward. Consequently, bond prices will rise and capital gains be realized. Added attraction: Most speculators are buying these bonds on margin--in some cases putting up only 5 per cent of the purchase price--and thereby are enjoying considerable leverage.

A number of professional traders are betting heavily that the Presidential fact-finding board report on the railroads--expected to be released before the end of January--will spark a speculative run on rail stocks. The report is expected to recommend a number of labor-cost savings, including elimination of firemen on Diesels.

Wall Street analysts are taking another close look at farm equipment companies. Reason: (1) Farmers will have more cash in their pockets than for any year in a long time, since income is up considerably and farm profits are up 10 per cent. (2) The trend toward larger farms, with marginal producers being forced out, is continuing despite all the new Administration efforts to continue family farming. This means more machine farming. (3) Farmers are expected to be included in the faster write-off provisions being considered for businessmen, since farm equipment seldom lasts as long as its stated useful life. Cautionary note: Casting about for money-saving ways, Kennedy and his advisors have lighted on the Federal farm programs, which will be cut sharply, with possible--although not inevitable --damage to farmers' income. White House political considerations are that farmer representation in Congress is dwindling and, too, Kennedy feels he owes farmers little, since their bloc backed Nixon so big last year.

Price tags on good, small companies in growth-sounding fields are so high that companies in the market for acquisitions, and Small Business Investment Companies, are having trouble finding places to put their money. What's driving prices up is competition from the stock-buying public. Managements of the small outfits figure to do better by going public than by selling out, or raising equity from an SBIC. Now that the field is being flooded with SBICs, small companies in need of capital are trying out their bargaining power--and making some pretty stiff deals. One SBIC manager claims the only companies available as prospective debtors are those with singularly unattractive prospects and indifferent management, with the better risks getting money on more attractive terms from other sources. In fact,

most SBICs formed recently still have the larger part of their funds uninvested simply because few opportunities have come along.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Imports are making a shambles of the East Coast price structure in some goods. Example: A relatively small shipment of cable into Boston from Germany sold 25 per cent below prices quoted by domestic makers. The market was disrupted as wholesalers and distributors cut prices in order to remain competitive. With the imports now absorbed, prices will firm--but this will take time, since prices are slower in recovering than they are in falling. This kind of situation plagues many parts of the Atlantic seaboard and also the Great Lakes ports, with these sporadic raids doing severe damage to the price structure even on small shipments.

American investors with big holdings in Canadian industry are clucking over the recent Provincial takeover of British Columbia Electric Power Co. American investors don't expect a move to "nationalize" companies wholesale, but are anxious, since each province in Canada has the power to take over electric or gas utilities. Canadian gas-pipeline builders are pressuring Ottawa to reassure the American moneymen.

European chemical industry is hopping mad about the dumping of polyethylene and ethylene glycol surpluses by U.S. companies. France, in an unprecedented move, cited by name Spencer Chemical Co. of Kansas City, Mo., when it slapped a \$14.14 tax per 220 pounds of polyethylene. Bonn may be asked to follow suit. Official U.S. price is 27 1/2 cents per pound, but polyethylene can currently be bought in Europe for as little as 10 cents.

LABOR NOTES

Unions, with NLRB more friendly, are readying another major attempt to organize the South. Big and largely unsuccessful drives of a decade ago were followed by only sporadic attempts, largely because the unions not only bucked industry, local politics and, to a certain extent, the race issue, but NLRB decisions invariably aided the companies. Now, however, the trend of the board's decisions on such issues as picketing and the agency shop is reversing. Insiders report NLRB will next give unions a break on interpretation of laws on measures employers may take to break up union drives.

Current speedup in processing backlog of representation election and unfair practice cases by delegation of decision-making powers from NLRB to regional directors will backfire, insiders say. The number is now going down, but the board in Washington will soon be saddled with as many as ever because of the review procedure. Regional director decisions can be--and already are being--sent on appeal to the Washington office. Attorneys specializing in labor law also say that, as a practical matter, similar cases in different areas may get entirely different consideration by regional directors, causing slowdowns and tending to increase the number of appeals.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG EXECUTIVES

Biggest current topic among U. S. businessmen is the number of openings which will occur in top positions in the next decade. For example, in 1965 alone the 100 largest corporations will have to replace seven chairmen, nine presidents, 60 vice presidents due to age limitations. In addition, "Dun's Review" says that nearly half of all vice presidents in American business are either in or nearing their 60s. Warning going out to companies: Those not making plans now to encourage young executives to stay with the firm and grooming middle management for top positions, may soon find it difficult to fill the upper echelons with men of the calibre they want.

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THE PERIODIC EXECUTIVE EMOTIONAL CHECKUP

Latest trend among executives: the annual emotional checkup. Psychiatrists are telling companies that in order to assure key men will continue to function at peak, the executives should have a thorough going-over by a psychiatrist as regularly as they do by an M. D. Typical of the cases that come to the Silver Hills Foundation, New Canaan, Conn., where the businessman spends six days having his personality evaluated by psychiatrists and psychologists, is the rising young executive who had nearly ruined his career. "He created increasing resentment and enmity among his fellow vice presidents by telling them how to run their departments," Dr. W. B. Terhune, the medical director, comments. "They were ready to pull the rug out from under him. But when this was explained to him during his checkup he controlled the unfortunate habit and renewed his chances for promotion." Key reason given by psychiatrists for having the annual emotional checkup: Like physical ills, mental ills are most easily and least expensively treated when caught early.

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TIPS FROM THE INSIDE: On medication and driving--with the season for colds here again, AAA warns that if you are taking antihistamines or other decongestants, you should talk to your doctor before driving. Many of these drugs slow reflexes...On bridge after coronaries--If you get excited while playing bridge--your heart beats faster and your blood pressure goes up--you should stop playing once you've had a heart attack, warns Dr. Jeremiah Stamler in the American Medical Association's "Journal"...On camping in Florida: One way to visit Florida this winter and save money at the same time is with a camping vacation in the state. Florida has enlarged camp sites, built recreational halls, improved fishing and swimming facilities at its many state parks. Cost of staying at one of the parks is \$1.25 a day or \$7.00 a week with camping permits obtainable from the park superintendent. For information write AAA and ask for Florida Campground Directory ...On veteran's pensions: Pensioned veterans should report any increase in

annual income from any source or an change in dependency status immediately, says the VA, since their penions are determined by both factors. Overpayments must be returned to th government, sometimes back to the first of the year.

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NOTES OF TIE WEEK

The Good Poor Note: "I think the advantages of self-dependent poverty for the purpose of developing moral fibre are greatly exaggerated." --U. S. Ambassador to India, J. K. Galbraith

Art-for-Money Note: With paintings bringing ever higher prices and books being written on how to invest wisely in art, James Fitton of Britain's Royal Academy has come up with the nevitable conclusion: "One would not be surprised for paintings to be given a Stock Exchange quotation and to see them as blue chip immortals."

Innocence Note: To test his ideathat people will give to charity without knowing anything about the cause, Philadelphia author Seymour Lubin installed in a local store a cannister bearing the label "Wellville, U. S. A." That was the name of a novel about a hospital fund-raising drive Lubin was writing at the time. The can quickly filled with money. Lubin gave the cash to a real charity and finished the book, which is about a popular entertainer who serves as toastmaster for fund-raising functions, supposedly because he's generous, actually because he's being paid \$50,000 a year by the hos-pital behind the fund drive.

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KHRUSHCHEV'S BUYING SPREE: Agents from Prime Minister Khrushchev are out to buy Western technology, and not in small quantities but in complete factory size. Having had little success in the U.S.--they got only one textile plant--the Russians turned to Western Europe, whose businessmen are look-ing for new markets for their growing economies. Here's a rundown of Sovi-et purchases: Great Britain--a tire factory, several complete plastic plants, including polyethylene and drip-dry synthetic fibers; France--automatic pro-duction line for truck parts, a cement factory and two factories for manufac-turing concrete panels used in rapid-method construction; West Germany--two chemical plants, a pulp and paper factory, a tubing mill for manufac-turing broad-gauge oil pipelines; Italy--five plants to produce chemicals, pulp, pipelines and remote-control equipment. Insiders say that by buying whole plants, the Soviets can concentrate scientific and engineering personnel and capacities on space, military and defense items.

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WHY YOU SHOULD NOTIFY THE INSURANCE COMPANY: A recent case

indicates the importance of not overlooking accidents on your property because they're minor or concealing them out of fear your insurance rates will go up, but of complying with the letter of liability insurance policies regarding notification to the insurance company. In this case, an accident occurred in the insured's hotel but it appeared so minor the hotel man did not notify his insurance company. About ten months after the accident, the hotel keeper received a letter from the guest's attorney which he turned over to the insurance people. The company disclaimed liability and was upheld on the ground that the insured did not give notice in time.

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FIRST AID BY TV: France is experimenting with ambulances equipped with closed-circuit TV to help doctors give aid to accident victims miles away. The idea started on the Riviera, where the zooming rate of automobile accidents has made it impossible to send out doctors with every ambulance. Under the plan, each ambulance has its own TV transmitter and TV camera in addition to a two-way radio. At the accident scene, the camera is focused on the patient so a doctor up to 20 miles away can give the ambulance attendants instructions on what special care is needed until the patient reaches the hospital emergency room.

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THE USEFUL OMBUDSMAN: One fellow who could add a good deal to our lives and help curb the bureaucrats, some knowledgeable Europeans suggest, is an Ombudsman. He's already working in Sweden and Denmark, will soon be at work in Norway, is being officially recommended for New Zealand, and is being considered in England. What an Ombudsman--the Swedish name for the chap--does is receive complaints citizens wish to make against government officials. He has the power to throw out some cases, and settle others in various ways--but no case ever dies right there. For the Ombudsman puts the files of all cases, with the evidence which can make buck-passing and errors apparent, right out on the press table. The fear of publicity has been found to make government people a lot more responsive to the citizen's wishes.

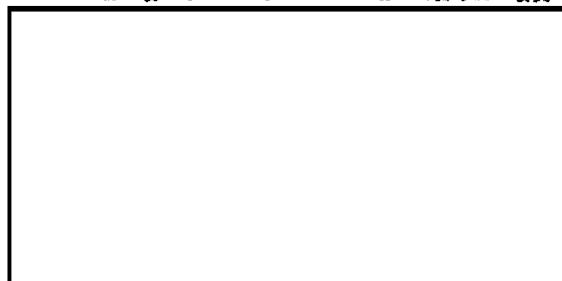
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Dec. 28, 1961

Dear Sir:

Can you give me the following information?

Did Dan Smoot leave the F B I with an honorable record?



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January 9, 1962

**Concordia Teachers College
River Forest, Illinois**

Dear

Your letter dated December 28, 1961, with
enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I can inform you Mr. Smoot was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

**John Edgar Hoover
Director**

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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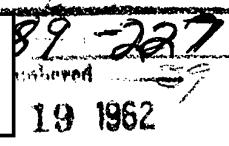
Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am one of several people who are considering trying to get the Dan Smoot radio program sponsored over a local radio station.

We understand that Mr. Smoot was an administrative assistant of yours from 1946 to 1948. If you could supply us with any information about this man and about the work that he is doing it would be most helpful in making our decision. We would like your opinion as to whether the Dan Smoot radio program would be in the public interest.

Thank you for your help.

Yours very truly,



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February 8, 1962

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir,

I am writing you because I am deeply concerned with some things I see and hear.

Several of my associates seem to be so-called Super Patriots. This concerns me in that I see Communistic traits in statements they make. They are constantly criticising the actions of the President and the government. They seem to have no respect for him or his title. I know it is everyone's right to give their opinion, but this is to the extreme.

What I would like you to do, if possible, is inform me of the F.B.I.'s opinion of these Super Patriots and people like Dan Smoot, who writes a paper in criticism of the United Nations and other government functions. I know he is a former FBI agent according to the information in his paper.

I personally feel these Super Patriots, who are truly concerned Americans, are being urged into their actions by Communistic groups.

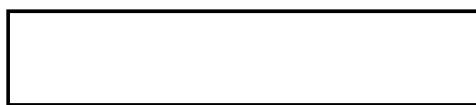
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Please send me all the information you can so I will know where these people stand in the eyes of the FBI. I know your organization's true standing and have a great deal of respect for it. If there are any books I might read I would appreciate a list.

I would appreciate all information you can send me.

Sincerely,



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Dallas 1, Texas

March 29, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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HOWARD DAN Smoot

I was told by a former Assistant United States Attorney, for the Northern District of Texas, that Mr. Dan Smoot left the Bureau under some sort of cloud. He indicated that Mr. Smoot was being transferred to some remote section, such as Alaska, in order to induce Mr. Smoot to resign from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Would you be in a position to confirm or deny
these insinuations?

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April 4, 1962

Dallas 1, Texas

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated March 29, 1962, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Howard Dan Smoot was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

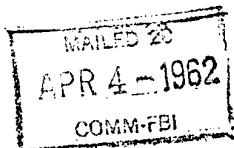
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Orlando, Florida

April 26, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We recently had Dan Smoot as a speaker here in Orlando. He was accepted by most of us at face value, and we had no doubt as to his published credentials. His "Dan Smoot Report" says the following in his biography "he was on FBI headquarters staff in Washington as an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover." A local TV station in an editorial says that this is not true.

I would like to know directly from you if this was his job, and if not, what was his title?

Dan Smoot spoke very highly of you, and I share his respect one hundred percent.

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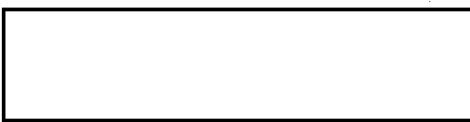
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May 2, 1962



Orlando, Florida

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 26, 1962, has been received.

DAN SMOOT

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that there is no position in the FBI entitled "Administrative Assistant to the Director"; however, Mr. Smoot was a Special Agent of the FBI from March 23, 1942, to June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily submitted his resignation. I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

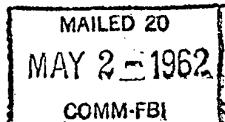
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Director, FBI
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4/25/62

SAC, Tampa (80-150-22)

DAN SMOOT
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

A news article appearing in the 4/19/62 issue of the "Cocoa Tribune," published in Cocoa, Florida, captioned "Dan Smoot to Speak in Orlando," was furnished to the Bureau separately. I thought the Bureau would be interested in knowing that SMOOT spoke at the American Legion Home in Orlando on Friday night, 4/20/62.

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A [redacted] Orlando, Florida, advised one of our resident agents in Orlando that he attended the aforesaid meeting and that he was in complete accord with SMOOT's statements. He added that a local radio personality, [redacted] was in the audience and that after SMOOT's talk [redacted] bitterly criticized SMOOT on the air, and in addition had some students from Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, with him on the program. He said that during SMOOT's talk [redacted] and some of the students from Rollins College turned against SMOOT and that their remarks brought forth angry comments from the listening audience.

[redacted] has a radio program on Radio Station WKIS. This is a question-and-answer type thing where people in the listening audience call in and ask questions and [redacted] and other people on his panel answer the questions.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Mr. Rosen *apm*

DATE: June 7, 1962

FROM : A. J. McGrath *apm*

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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With respect to the article appearing in the "New York Herald Tribune," 6/6/62, concerning captioned matter, the following is set forth:

This article states in part that Dr. Dunn (the source of the original complaint in this matter) and Mr. Propp, his accountant, had stated that FBI Agents told them that Estes' "political influence" was a stumbling block. The article further alleged that Agents informed Dunn and Propp to dig out enough evidence to make an airtight case against Estes that "the politicians running Washington couldn't cover up or ignore."

This is a fabrication. SAC, Crosby, El Paso, was telephonically contacted last evening and advised that he (Crosby), ASAC Spencer and SA John R. Maurer were the only Agents of the El Paso Office who spoke to Dunn and Propp. Crosby stated that all Agents involved flatly deny having made any statement which in any way could be construed as that quoted in the "Herald Tribune." (He is obtaining affidavits to this effect).

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The article also mentions that the Department allegedly ignored a documented report on Estes' activities it received in February, 1961. In this regard it is noted that the lengthy letter dated 3/27/61 from Dan Smoot (a former Special Agent, who presently publishes "The Dan Smoot Reporter" which deals with communism and with whom we deal most circumspectly) addressed to the SAC, El Paso, with copies to SAC, Dallas and the Bureau which states that he feels possibly Estes had violated the "National Bank Act," does list numerous companies and banks which Estes did business with and cites generally Estes' method of having local farmers execute fictitious chattel mortgages on fertilizer tanks and alleges that fraudulent notes thus obtained were discounted at banks and that bankers were cooperating in transactions. Smoot cited the information in his letter as having come from an anonymous source who feared reprisal from Estes if no violation of law was proven and further characterized it as being an incomplete compilation of facts, figures, estimates, guesses and informed opinions.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

This is the communication which the El Paso Office was instructed in Bureau radiogram 3/31/61 to review and discuss with the U. S. Attorney for his opinion as to whether a violation which should be investigated by this Bureau was indicated. The U. S. Attorney was furnished with a copy of Smoot's letter and the enclosures thereto which contained a 14-page list of chattel mortgages in which Estes allegedly had an interest. (This apparently is the list of approximately 200 Estes' mortgages referred to in the "Herald Tribune" article). After review of this material, Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted]

[redacted] El Paso, advised on 5/2/61 that it was his opinion that the allegations contained in Smoot's letter constituted hearsay and were nonspecific in nature. He felt possible violations of the Federal Reserve Act and Mail Fraud Statutes were indicated but did not feel he would be justified in requesting FBI investigation.

Because this was an indefinite opinion, the Bureau instructed the El Paso Office by airtel 5/6/61 that the complaint be rounded out and the matter be rediscussed with the U. S. Attorney for a definite statement from him as to whether it represented a matter in which he would consider prosecutive action.

Dan Smoot was contacted by our Agents 5/11/61 and would not furnish name of his informant but said he would have informant contact El Paso at a later date. This contact was not made until 7/3/61 when [redacted] contacted the El Paso Office, identifying himself as [redacted] b6 b7C Smoot's [redacted] At this time [redacted] who [redacted]

The information furnished by [redacted]
Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] that in the absence of information indicating that an officer or employee of a bank had knowledge of the apparent irregularities in the documents submitted, no violation of the Federal Reserve Act would exist. A letterhead memorandum dated 7/17/61 containing the facts of Dr. Dunn's complaint and the results of the various discussions with the U. S. Attorney's office was forwarded to the Criminal Division on 7/24/61. This letterhead memorandum pointed out that [redacted] had made available the 14-page list of chattel mortgages in which [redacted] allegedly had an interest. The list itself was not forwarded to the Department. A copy of this letterhead memorandum was also transmitted to the Department of Agriculture on 10/27/61 pursuant to a request for a name

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

check on Billie Sol Estes. It has since been learned that the Criminal Division of the Department analyzed the facts in this case and concurred with the opinion of the U. S. Attorney's office, El Paso, that no investigation was warranted.

On 3/6/62, [redacted] appeared at the El Paso Office and furnished new information of a specific nature regarding [redacted] (for example, the Pacific Finance Company, Los Angeles, California, was reportedly holding about \$6,000,000 worth of [redacted] falsely made notes indicating a violation of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property Statutes). This information was discussed with the U. S. Attorney's office at El Paso on 3/8/62 and the opinion of that office that such matter would constitute a violation of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property Statutes began the investigation which brought the [redacted] case into prominence resulting in the arrest of [redacted] and three of his associates on 3/29/62 by Bureau Agents for conspiracy to violate the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property Statutes. The overt acts related to fraudulent notes given to the afore-mentioned Pacific Finance Company during October, 1961.

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Dan Smoot Speaks Here On June 14th

Dan Smoot, editor and publisher of The Dan Smoot Report, will make a public address at 8 p. m., Thursday, June 14, in the Olympic Room of the Heidelberg Hotel.

Mr. Snoot's Jackson appearance is sponsored by National Defense Council, Mississippi Society of DAR, and the public is urged to attend.

Dan Smooth, a native of Missouri, was reared in Texas and attended SMU in Dallas. He holds both BA and MA degrees from that university. In 1942 he joined the FBI. At the close of the war he stayed in the FBI, rather than return to Harvard as a Teaching Fellow in English.

After nine and a half years, Smoot resigned from the FBI to help start the Facts Forum movement in Dallas. In 1955 he resigned and started his own independent program. The Dan Smooth Report, in order to give only one side of controversial issues . . . the side that uses fundamental American principles as a yardstick for measuring all important issues.

While an FBI agent, Smoot worked for three and a half years exclusively on communist investigations in the industrial Midwest. For two and a half years following that, Smoot was on FBI headquarters staff in Washington, as an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover. His experiences and knowledge of various government departments hushing up and covering for com-



DAN SMOOT

munist and their activities, should be known to every patriotic Mississippian.

Tickets are available for \$1.00 each and may be purchased at Patterson Drugs, Highland Village; Southwest Drugs, Mid City Mart; Brents Drugs, Woodland Hills; all Primos Restaurants; Service Drugs, Bright Shopping Center; Patterson Welch; Southwest Drugs, Terry and McDowell Roads; and The Freedom Book Store at WLBT Channel 3, Jackson. If you are unable to get tickets from the foregoing places they may be purchased at the door the night of June 14.

Mr. Tinson
Mr. Bellmore
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Cattell
Mr. Dugdale
Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
~~Mr.~~ Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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THE CLARION-LEDGER
Jackson, Miss.

Date: 6-8-62

Edition:

- Author:

Editor:

Title: *Dan Smoot*

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Submitting Office: New Orleans

THE DAN SHOCH REPORT

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AIR MAIL

[Redacted]
Indianapolis 3, Indiana

Dear [Redacted]

[Redacted] sent me your letter to him, dated June 30, 1962, in which you mention a former FBI man who advised you not to take me seriously because I had "a nervous condition." The implication seems to be that I was let out of the FBI, because I was some kind of nut. There have been other rumors that I was fired from the FBI for stealing. All the rumors, including the one you heard, are false. After 9 years and three months in the FBI, I was still an Agent in good standing when I resigned voluntarily in June, 1951--without any kind of threat or pressure to do so. I resigned because I wanted to change my occupation and settle my family permanently in Dallas.

I have never before seen any possibility of tracing any of these false rumors to their source. With your help, I may be able to trace the one you heard. Could you give me the name and address of the ex-FBI man who made the remark about me? I want to ask him to explain.

Cordially,

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Dan Campbell



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cc: Mr. Harry T. Everingham
J. Edgar Hoover ✓

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Smoot Urges U.S. Withdraw From U.N.

By CHARLES M. HILLS
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Dan Smoot, former agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and author of the famed Smoot Report, declared here that the United States needs to withdraw from the United Nations.

Speaking to an assembly of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Hotel Heidelberg, he suggested also that this nation end foreign aid, repeal the income tax and take the federal government out of competition with free enterprise.

In a sharp-tongue attack on the New Frontier, he said that "if we made our own government obey its Constitution, we would restore the freedoms that our forefathers fought to preserve."

ATTACKS WASTE

Attacking governmental waste, Mr. Smoot declared that "President Kennedy has collected and spent more tax money than presidents from Washington to Franklin Roosevelt."

Introduced to an audience of some 250 persons, and an unlimited number of listeners over the Patriotic Radio and Television Network, by Walter G. Johnson, Jr., as a "fearless patriot," Mr. Smoot urged education of the people as to the dangers of Communism and softness within government.

"We have a great mass of egg-head liberals today who think that government should have the right to control all things," he said.

"When you start passing laws to force others to do the will of government in all things, you are entering into slavery," Smoot said. "There is no suggestion in our constitution that the state must promote the general welfare. Our bill of rights asks nothing of the federal government."

The occasion was the climax of Flag Day ceremonies held in the city under sponsorship of the DAR.

At an afternoon program at the Old Capitol, Dr. M. Ney Williams, prominent local physician and patriotic leader, called for a resigning of the declarations of freedom.

He said that the "predatory monster of Communism" is threatening and this nation and its people must awaken or become an over-ripe plum.

Dr. Williams warned of the dangers of centralization of power, and declared that a fight is at hand which knows no middle ground.

Mrs. H. A. Alexander, chairman of the National Defense Council of the Mississippi Chapter of the DAR, presided at both the afternoon and evening programs. Mrs. Fentress Rhodes, state regent, and Mrs. Louise Moseley Heaton, vice president general of the national society, also took an active part in the DAR observance of Flag Day.

Flags were displayed by business houses in the downtown district of Jackson in observance of the occasion.

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| Mr. C. L. Dan |
| Mr. Conrad |
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| Mr. G. G. |
| Mr. J. H. |
| Mr. J. M. |
| Mr. J. S. |
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Jackson, Miss.

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ReBulet 1/17/62 to [redacted] a copy of which was received at the Phoenix Office with a request to advise the Bureau what might have been said to give [redacted] the idea that I, as a representative of the Bureau, was giving DAN SMOOT a "clean bill of health."

Please be advised that I can say without qualification that any such interpretation put on my remarks by [redacted] was a misinterpretation. I told him exactly what I was instructed to tell him concerning the fact that DAN SMOOT was not a member of the Communist Party at the time he resigned from the FBI. I then undertook to point out to him the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Bureau and told him, as I stated in my letter to the Bureau 12/29/61, that we could not comment regarding SMOOT's activities or dependability of the same since he has been out of the FBI and could not adopt the function of making evaluations or comments as to his character or integrity as an individual. He, himself, appears to contradict the statement he made in reply to me, which was included in my letter 12/29/61, when he acknowledged that he realized it was not a fair question to ask the FBI whether the FBI could tell him whether he could depend on what DAN SMOOT writes about our government. From this conversation, [redacted] has gone beyond what I advised him when he makes the claim that I stated I would affirm to anyone DAN SMOOT was not a pro-Communist. This promise was not made to him.

I gained from the Bureau airtel 12/21/61 a clear-cut impression in my own mind, that is, subjectively, that one of the objects of my oral advice to [redacted] was to see to it that he could not use the FBI in any way to endorse or to evaluate DAN SMOOT or his comments or writings and with this subjective conviction in mind, I carried out the Bureau's instructions.

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Since I have met and am personally acquainted with [redacted] although I have not had much contact with him, I am sure if the Bureau desires, I can straighten him out on this matter without any further mistaken reverberations. I shall make no attempt to contact him, however, UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE:

August 8, 1962

FROM : C. R. Davidson

SUBJECT: **FORMER SA HOWARD D. SMOOT**
 (Inquiry of Attorney General by
 Congressman James Roosevelt)

Reference is made to the attached memorandum of Mr. Evans to Mr. Belmont, dated 8-7-62, recommending that the Administrative Division submit information concerning former SA Smoot's Bureau service, to be furnished by Mr. Evans' Office to the Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General. This is in connection with a letter from Congressman James Roosevelt to the Attorney General dated 7-23-62.

Former SA Smoot, who is also known as Dan Smoot, entered on duty as a Special Agent on 3-23-42, and resigned voluntarily, effective 6-15-51. Bureau records reflect that in October, 1943, while stationed in the Cleveland Division, he was assigned to the communist squad in that office. He was still assigned to that squad as of 3-31-44, and as of 3-13-45 and 3-31-46, he was reported to be handling National Defense investigations, which include communist matters. Smoot served in a supervisory capacity at the Bureau's headquarters in Washington from 11-1-46 to 11-30-48, during which period of time he did not have direct supervision of communist investigations. There is no position in the FBI entitled, "Administrative Assistant to the Director."

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From 11-30-48 until the time of his resignation, Smoot again handled investigative work in the field, including internal security matters.

There is no indication that the Director has ever made a statement that Smoot never worked on Internal Security matters for the Bureau. Smoot's personnel file indicates to the contrary.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Mr. Evans furnish the above information to the Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General, at the same time returning Congressman Roosevelt's letter, which is attached.

- 1 - Mr. Evans (Sent Direct)
 1 - Mr. L. D. Hunzeker (Sent Direct)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 7, 1962

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: HOWARD D. SMOOT
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
(INQUIRY BY CONGRESSMAN ROOSEVELT)

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Previous memoranda have set forth information indicating the Attorney General had received a letter from Congressman James Roosevelt requesting information concerning former Special Agent Dan Smoot. The Attorney General requested the Bureau prepare a reply over his signature to Congressman Roosevelt.

Handwritten Sept 18 1962

Memorandum from Section Chief Morrell to Mr. DeLoach dated 7/27/62 (copy attached) set forth information in answer to Congressman Roosevelt's inquiry and attached a proposed letter over the signature of the Attorney General to Roosevelt. This proposed letter informed Roosevelt that prior to Smoot's resignation from the Bureau in 1951 he served for a period of time in a supervisory capacity. Roosevelt's letter had referred to Smoot as being an "Administrative Assistant to the Director" and the proposed letter to Roosevelt pointed out there is no such position in the FBI.

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The Attorney General's Office has advised that the Attorney General has decided that the letter prepared by the Bureau for transmittal to Roosevelt should not be sent but that the Attorney General's Office should call Roosevelt concerning this matter. The Attorney General suggested that additional information be obtained from the FBI. He particularly asked concerning the type of work Smoot supervised while in the Bureau and how much time Smoot spent investigating communism. This material is to be used in the Attorney General's Office discussion with Congressman Roosevelt.

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It is recommended this be referred to the Administrative Division for appropriate material to be furnished to the Attorney General's Office.* It is suggested that at the time this material is furnished to the Attorney General's Office they be advised of the fact that Agents handle varied types of assignments, including communism, as well as criminal-type matters. It is noted in Mr. Morrell's memorandum referred to above Smoot was assigned to the Crime Records Division from 2/15/47 until 11/20/48. While assigned to the Cleveland Office in 1944, he was assigned to the "Communist Squad" of the Cleveland Office. Enclosure *bit*

* If approved this material will be furnished to Administrative Assistant James W. Symington by my office

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Morrell
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 13, 1962

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: FORMER SA HOWARD D. SMCOT
 (Inquiry of Attorney General by
 Congressman James Roosevelt)

Memorandum from C. R. Davidson to Mr. Callahan dated 8/8/62 set forth information concerning former SA Howard D. Smoot, also known as Dan Smoot. This memorandum recommended that this information be furnished to Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General Symington. This is to record that the following information set forth in Mr. Davidson's memorandum was furnished to Mr. Symington on 8/13/62:

Smoot entered on duty as a Special Agent on 3/23/42 and resigned voluntarily effective 6/15/51. In October, 1943, while stationed at the Cleveland Division, Smoot was assigned to communist matters in that office. He was still assigned to such matters in 1944 and March, 1945. In March of 1946 he was handling National Defense investigations which included communist matters. Smoot served in a supervisory capacity at the Bureau's Headquarters in Washington from 11/1/46 to 11/30/48, during which period of time he did not have direct supervision of communist investigations. There is no position in the FBI entitled "Administrative Assistant to the Director."

From 11/30/48 until the time of his resignation, Smoot again handled investigative work in the field, including Internal Security matters.

ACTION:

This is for record purposes. At the time the above information was furnished to Mr. Symington, the letter which had been sent by Congressman James Roosevelt to the Attorney General and the proposed letter to Honorable James Roosevelt, prepared by the Bureau for the Attorney General, were returned to Mr. Symington.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Morrell
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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THE DAN SMOOT REPORT

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October 30, 1962

~~Mr. Tolson~~
~~Mr. Belmont~~
~~Mr. Mohr~~
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
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Miss Gandy

Martenson Brokerage Company
321 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear:

George Sokolsky said there is no such title in the FBI as "Administrative Assistant". He may be right. I have been out of the FBI since June, 1951 and, of course, have no inside sources of information in the FBI.

When I was an FBI Agent, however, Special Agents assigned to the "Bureau"--that is, to FBI Headquarters Staff in Washington, D. C.--were called the Director's "Administrative Assistants". They were also called "Bureau Supervisors".

I was transferred to FBI Headquarters Staff in Washington, D. C. as an "Administrative Assistant" in 1946. I served in that capacity until November, 1948, when (at my own request, for reasons of health) I was transferred back to the field service.

Cordially,

Dan Smoot

DS:IPS

cc: J. Edgar Hoover, Director
FBI
Washington, D. C.

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| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

[Redacted]
Tucumcari, New Mexico

Dear [Redacted]

When I was transferred to FBI headquarters staff at Washington, D. C., in 1946, I--and all other Special Agents thus assigned in Washington as Supervisors--were called Administrative Assistants of the Director. Whether that was a formal designation listed in personnel records and on the FBI's appropriation requests, I do not know, and I do not know whether the designation is now used at all. But during the three-year period, 1946-1948, when I was an FBI Supervisor at the Seat of Government, every such Supervisor was called an Administrative Assistant. I recall that in those years I occasionally made a public speech, as an official representative of the FBI. The group inviting me was always told that I was an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, and I was always so introduced.

Cordially,

67-263689-239

Dan Smoot

DS:bjc

cc: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-8-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell *Demy*SUBJECT: FORMER SA HOWARD D. SMOOT
USE OF TITLE "ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT"PURPOSE:

To report results of a review of the personnel file of captioned individual and references in Bureau files to determine if former SA Howard D. Smoot, better known as Dan Smoot, was ever referred to in Bureau correspondence or biographical sketches as an Administrative Assistant to the Director.

DAN SMOOT:

Former SA Howard D. Smoot entered on duty with the Bureau on March 23, 1942, and resigned on 6-15-51 while assigned to the Dallas Office. He had worked in the Portland, San Francisco, Dallas and Cleveland Offices prior to being transferred to the Bureau in October, 1946. After serving a short time in the Investigative Division, he was transferred on 2-15-47 to the Crime Records Section where he remained until transferred to Dallas for health reasons in November, 1948. On May 15, 1951, Smoot was censured, placed on probation and transferred to the Savannah Office because of his failure to inform the Bureau earlier of information in his possession concerning misconduct of others in the Dallas Office and for making unfounded charges against his SAC. Thereafter he resigned.

In June, 1951, Smoot began working for "Facts Forum," a group financed and backed by the millionaire oil man H. L. Hunt, owner and operator of the Hunt Oil Company. Smoot resigned from "Facts Forum" in July, 1955, and thereafter operated privately as a commentator and publisher of a newsheet entitled "The Dan Smoot Report." This report was the subject of SAC Letter 59-17 (F) dated 3-24-59 which identified Smoot as a former Agent and instructed that inquiries concerning him and his paper be handled in a most circumspect manner.

A thorough review of the three-volume personnel file of Smoot (67-263689) fails to reflect any reference to him as an "Administrative Assistant" or an "Administrative Assistant to the Director." This title did not appear in any letter of appointment, transfer, censure or probation. No communication concerning speeches given by Smoot or any other official matter concerning him contained either of these titles. After Smoot left the Bureau, he was publicly described in newspaper articles as an Administrative Assistant to the Director. Files indicate he has continued to use this designation.

Enclosure sent 11-9-62

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
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DEPARTMENT OF
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SOCIOLOGY

February 16, 1963

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Every Saturday night a television program called The Dan Smoot Report is beamed out of Shreveport. They regularly give a list of Mr. Smoot's credentials to vouch for his competence. Included is the statement that he is a former Harvard Law School professor and FBI agent.

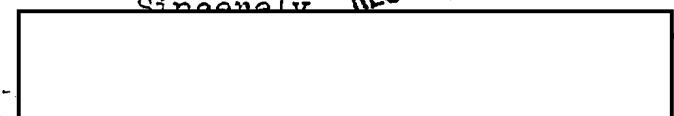
After hearing his program, it seemed doubtful in the extreme to me that he had any kind of close training in law. Accordingly, I wrote to the Dean of the Faculty at the Harvard Law School to find out what his tenure had been. My letter was answered by [redacted]

[redacted] He said, "According to our records we have never had a professor here named Smoot; nor have we had a student here by that name." Clearly, Mr. Smoot is flying under colors that are not his. It occurred to me that one who could so freely mangle facts might also be inaccurate when he allows himself to be described as a former FBI agent.

Is it consistent with the policy of the Bureau to give information of this kind? I would like to know if Mr. Dan Smoot was indeed an agent with your branch of the Justice Department.

I teach political theory. So does Mr. Smoot, using the big scare, the innuendo and the half-truth to indict our present administration. His interpretations over the air-waves are his business. Accurate knowledge of his credentials is public business. That is why I make inquiry of you on this matter.

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McNeese State College

Lake Charles, La.

February 13, 1963

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

We note that Dan Smoot, T.V. commentator, is referred to as an ex-FBI agent. Could you give us some information concerning the circumstances connected with his disassociation with the FBI.

The mention of his former association with the Bureau implies that he speaks with authority and knowledge available only to one related to some official government agency.

We appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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209 Berkshire House
Univ. of Mass.
Amherst Mass.
October 19, 1963

Gentlemen:

I have just read a copy of The Dan Smoot Report.
Mr. Smoot was Assistant (Administrative) to J. Edgar Hoover.

In this Report, he states that our Assistant Secretary of Defense, Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky's parents are communist fronters, and Yarmolinsky is a Marxist & a member of several Red fronts. Is this true?

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Mr. Smoot cites as his proof: Military Cold War Education & Speech Review Policies; Hearings before the Special Preparedness Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee 1962 Part. IV pp 1491 - 2

If possible I would like a copy of the hearings & any other information you have on Mr. Yarmolinsky. Thankyou.

Yours truly



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University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lucas:

Your letter of October 19th has been received.

[REDACTED] With respect to your inquiry concerning [REDACTED] the FBI, being an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information contained in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Also, this Bureau does not have copies of the hearings by the Special Preparedness Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee for dissemination.

Of possible interest to you is the fact that Mr. Dan Smoot was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent during the period March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951. We have never had the position of Administrative Assistant to the Director. The personal ventures of Mr. Smoot and his opinions and comments are strictly his own, and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

D.H.
Sincerely yours,

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Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THE DAN SMOOT REPORT

November 7, 1963

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[Redacted]
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts

Dear [Redacted]

When I was transferred to FBI headquarters staff at Washington, D. C., in 1946, I--and all other Special Agents thus assigned in Washington as Supervisors--were called Administrative Assistants of the Director. Whether that was a formal designation listed in personnel records and on the FBI's appropriation requests, I do not know; and I do not know whether the designation is now used at all. But during the three-year period, 1946-1948, when I was an FBI Supervisor at the Seat of Government, every such Supervisor was called an Administrative Assistant. I recall that in those years I occasionally made a public speech, as an official representative of the FBI. The group inviting me was always told that I was an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, and I always so introduced.

Re: Lead memo 11-20-68
Cordially,

Dan Smoot

67263689-240

cc: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

DS:nr

EXP. PROC.

REC-139

November 21, 1963

Mr. Dan Smoot
Post Office Box 9538
Dallas 14, Texas

Dear Mr. Smoot:

I have received the copy of your letter of November 7, 1963, to [redacted] University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.

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In connection with inquiries from individuals with respect to your former employment with the FBI, you may be interested in knowing the FBI has informed these correspondents that this Bureau has never had the position of "Administrative Assistant to the Director." Also, it was pointed out that your official title while with the FBI was "Special Agent."

Sincerely yours,

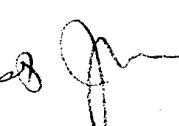
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Morrell (sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Mr. DeLoach memo dated 11-20-63 captioned "Former Agent Howard D. Smoot, AKA Dan Smoot."

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Metairie, Louisiana

November 13, 196

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently two men who were formerly F. B. I. agents have directly or indirectly become known to me. The one is a Mr. Stuart E. Scheer, a candidate for Sheriff of Jefferson Parish in Louisiana, and the other a Mr. Dan Smoot who is editor of a small bulletin-type newspaper. These seem like honest, sincere men; I would like to believe what they say and write but my problem is that I really know nothing about them other than what they say about themselves. I would appreciate any comments which you would care to make regarding their character, the general type of work they did with the F. B. I., and their reason for leaving such a fine organization.

I have read with great interest your book, MASTERS OF DECEIT, and only regret that there are not more men in our government who have grasped this understanding of Communism which you so vividly expressed in your book.

Thank you.

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Sincerely yours,

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Metairie, Louisiana

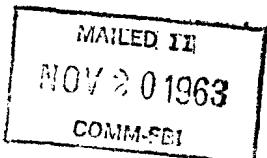
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 13th and I want to thank you for your kind remarks about my book, "Masters of Deceit." It is hoped that our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In response to your inquiries, Mr. Smoot was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from March, 1942, until June, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned. Mr. Scheer was employed as a Special Agent from December, 1951, until January, 1962, when he voluntarily resigned. Their personal ventures and their opinions and comments are strictly their own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Former SA Stuart Edgar Scheer entered on duty 12-10-51 and voluntarily resigned 1-3-62. Bufiles reflect his candidacy for the position of Sheriff of Jefferson Parish.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-20-63

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FORMER AGENT HOWARD D. SMOOT
AKA DAN SMOOT

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BACKGROUND:

Former Agent Dan Smoot has sent the Director a copy of his letter of November 7, 1963, to an individual at the University of Massachusetts. In his letter, Smoot is apparently justifying his use of the title "Administrative Assistant" and claims that he and all other Agents assigned to the Seat of Government as Supervisors in 1946 used this title. However, he pointed out that he did not know whether or not a formal designation appeared in personnel records to document this designation. He claims that when he was a Supervisor at the Seat of Government, 1946-1948, every Supervisor was referred to as an "Administrative Assistant," and that when he handled speech requests he was identified as an official representative of the FBI who was an "Administrative Assistant" to J. Edgar Hoover.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Former SA Howard D. Smoot entered on duty with the Bureau on March 23, 1942, and resigned on 6-15-51 while assigned to the Dallas Office. He had worked in the Portland, San Francisco, Dallas and Cleveland Offices prior to being transferred to the Bureau in October, 1946. After serving a short time in the Investigative Division, he was transferred on 2-15-47 to the Crime Records Section where he remained until transferred to Dallas for health reasons in November, 1948. On May 15, 1951, Smoot was censured, placed on probation and transferred to the Savannah Office because of his failure to inform the Bureau earlier of information in his possession concerning misconduct of others in the Dallas Office and for making unfounded charges against his SAC. Thereafter he resigned.

In June, 1951, Smoot began working for "Facts Forum," a group financed and backed by the millionaire oil man H. L. Hunt, owner and operator of the Hunt Oil Company. Smoot resigned from "Facts Forum" in July, 1955, and thereafter operated privately as a commentator and publisher of a newssheet entitled "The Dan Smoot Report." This report was the subject of SAC Letter 59-17 (F) dated 3-24-59 which identified Smoot as a former Agent and instructed that inquiries concerning him and his paper be handled in a most circumspect manner.

A thorough review of the three-volume personnel file of Smoot (67-263689) fails to reflect any reference to him as an "Administrative Assistant" or an "Administrative Assistant to the Director." This title did not appear in any letter of appointment or transfer.

Enclosure *real 11-21-68*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Morrell - Enclosure

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PERIODIC REVIEW
THREE MONTHS

M. A. Jones to Mr. DeLoach memo

RE: FORMER AGENT HOWARD D. SMOOT - AKA DAN SMOOT

censure or probation. No communication concerning speeches given by Smoot or any other official matter concerning him contained either of these titles. After Smoot left the Bureau, he was publicly described in newspaper articles as an Administrative Assistant to the Director. Files indicate he has continued to use this designation.

Administrative Division files clearly reveal the Bureau never had an official position classification for Special Agents of either "Administrative Assistant" or "Administrative Assistant to the Director." However, there were times in the late 1930's when Agent Supervisors were referred to as "Administrative Assistants" in outgoing correspondence in connection with speeches. An SAC Letter dated 7-9-47 advised that there was no such title for Agents as "Administrative Assistant to the Director" or "Administrative Assistant." A subsequent SAC Letter 56-27 (A), dated 5-15-56, indicated that the title "Administrative Assistant to the Director" had not been used since the outset of World War II, but that former Agents who have served on the Headquarters Staff as Supervisors, of which there are several hundred, have on occasions and properly, used this title.

All references in Bureau files prior to September, 1951, (Smoot resigned 6-15-51) were reviewed. No communication using either of the above titles regarding Smoot was located. Speech Room records only go back as far as 1952. The biographical sketch of Smoot sent out in connection with his speeches has been destroyed along with other records more than 10 years old. It also was not possible to locate any outgoing communications relative to speech matters handled by Smoot, which would not have gone into his personnel file without knowing the name of the organization before which he appeared. Where possible, abstracts were also reviewed with negative results.

In the past when receiving inquiries about Smoot's former position with the FBI, it has been pointed out that Smoot served as a Special Agent and he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. The correspondents, when appropriate, are also informed that the FBI never had the position of "Administrative Assistant to the Director."

OBSERVATIONS:

Smoot obviously recognizes the fact he never had the title of "Administrative Assistant" or "Administrative Assistant to the Director" and has couched the terminology of his correspondence to individuals questioning his use of this title in such a way as not to contradict actual Bureau usage of this designation. While he does not so state in his current communication or in previous ones on the same subject, copies of which he has also sent the Director, it is possible he might have retained personal copies of correspondence and biographical sketches on speech matters when he was assigned to the Seat of Government. It is possible some of these items might have referred to him as an administrative assistant. However, it is felt Smoot should be informed once and for all that his title while assigned to the Seat of Government from 10-31-46 to 11-30-48 was as a Special Agent and we never had the official position classification for Special Agents of either "Administrative Assistant" or "Administrative Assistant to the Director." Also, when handling future inquiries from individuals relative to Smoot's former position we can state that Smoot has been advised by the Director that he never had the title of Administrative Assistant.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached letter to former Agent Smoot be approved and sent.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC MEMPHIS
RE: DAN SMOOT
 FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

Mr. HUGH H. CLEGG, former Assistant Director, FBI, Oxford, Mississippi, telephonically advised 11-27-63 that he had received a telephonic inquiry from the above former Agent and desired to pass the information on to the Bureau.

According to Mr. CLEGG, former SA SMOOT had been using certain brochures which identify him as a former Special Agent of the Bureau and as an Administrative Assistant to the Director. Persons inquiring of the Bureau as to SMOOT's connection with the FBI had apparently received letters from the Director indicating that there was no such position in the Bureau as Administrative Assistant to the Director. Mr. SMOOT desired to get some sort of confirmation from Mr. CLEGG to the effect that such a designation had at one time been made with regard to persons in a supervisory position in Washington. According to Mr. SMOOT, former Assistant to the Director LOU NICHOLS had at one time advised SMOOT that Supervisory Agents could be referred to as Administrative Assistants to the Director. Mr. SMOOT advised he would probably contact Mr. NICHOLS regarding this since this matter had been of some embarrassment to him.

Mr. CLEGG stated he made no comment with regard to the matter but thought that the Bureau should know of the efforts being made by SMOOT to obtain some type of statement on the matter from former Bureau officials.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-4-63

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FORMER AGENT HOWARD D. SMOOT
AKA DAN SMOOT

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BACKGROUND:

By letter of November 27th former Agent Dan Smoot has acknowledged the Director's letter to Smoot of November 21st. He has enclosed a copy of a clipping from "The Louisville Times" of 10-19-62 which relates to former FBI Agents in the Louisville area who defended the FBI and the Director against the malicious charges of former Agent [redacted] and these former Agents, [redacted] were referred to in the clipping as former "administrative assistants to Mr. Hoover." Smoot states it never occurred to him to wonder whether "administrative assistant" was an official title or merely an informal expression by Bureau personnel. He claims he did not know that "administrative assistant" never did exist as a title until he received the Director's letter of November 21, 1963. Henceforth, he states he will omit "administrative assistant" from his biographical sketches. He also stated he hoped that the Bureau would take these facts (other former Agents such as [redacted] and [redacted] who are referred to as "administrative assistants" and his not knowing that our "administrative assistant" was not an official title) would be taken into account by the Bureau in answering inquiries about him regarding his previous employment with the FBI.

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

By memorandum of 11-20-63 captioned as above, a resume of information in Bufiles regarding Smoot's use of the title "administrative assistant" and the fact that this was never an official title in the Bureau was set forth. It was recommended and approved that Smoot be informed, as it was done in the Director's letter to him of 11-21-63, that we have been answering inquiries from individuals regarding Smoot's employment with the FBI to the effect that the Bureau never had the position of "administrative assistant to the Director." It was also pointed out to Smoot in this communication that his official title while with the FBI was "Special Agent."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information and no acknowledgment be given to Smoot's letter of 11-27-63.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Morrell
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May 15, 1964

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I just finished reading your article "God or Chaos," which is very revealing.

Recently a paper entitled "The Dan Smoot Report" came to my attention. My daughters who are college graduates think he is a "radical." Please let me know your opinion of his reports. They are published weekly and I see he used to work for the FBI.

Thank you. Enclosed is a stamped envelope for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely,



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Freeport, Ill.

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May 20, 1964



Informant

Freeport, Illinois

Dear [redacted]

DAN Smoot

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Your letter dated May 15th and enclosure have been received, and I want to thank you for your comment regarding "God or Chaos?" Enclosed are other publications on the general subject of communism I hope you find of interest.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Smoot was employed in the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. Since his writings at the present time are personal ventures of his own, I am unable to comment regarding them.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

Stamped envelope forwarded by correspondent (too small to utilize)
"Keys to Freedom"

Deadly Duel

LEB Intro 4-1-61

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

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June 8, 1964

[Redacted]
Millan, Missouri

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 2nd, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, Dan Smoot was employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from March 23, 1942, until June 16, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and this Bureau is unable to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

W Edgar Roush

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Enclosures (6)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

4-1-61 LEB Introduction

4-17-62 Internal Security statement

Faith in Freedom

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

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South Carolinians for Constitutional Government
P.O. Box 8313, Station A
Greenville, South Carolina 29604
-June 10, 1964

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

We are terribly sorry that you are unable to speak *(ER)* *(B7C)* to Greenville on Communism.

I am asking another favor of you. Will it be possible for you to write us a letter of recommendation for Dan Smoot? Our organization is trying to get his Report on television. A Minister has spread the word that Mr. Smoot is merely "an informed." I talked with him and he said he had this information on best authority. After showing him the enclosed information, he said he was mistaken. But harm had been done.

If we could have a letter of recommendation from you concerning Dan Smoot, it would help us to get Dan Smoot on TV & also reinforce information we get from him. We want only your recommendation of Dan Smoot, the man, & not necessarily a recommendation of Dan Smoot Report. If it is not "ethical" for you to give us this letter, we will understand. We need it & it will be used very carefully.

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SUBJECT

I am sending this letter to you by [redacted] *DC*
a Member of our organization, who will be in Washington 18th & 19th. Senator Thurmond has arranged some appointments for her. *SC*

Kindest regards to you.

Sincerely.

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[REDACTED]
Sebastopol, Calif.
June 17, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

How come the F. B. I. lets Dan Smooth shoot off his face every week, with ideas I consider revolutionary?

In 1942 I sent a telegram to the President asking that [REDACTED] be stopped from writing a column for the duration, the duration of [REDACTED]. I have not seen a column of his to this day.

Seems to me what ever measure was applied to [REDACTED] could be used on Dan Smoot,

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"Grower of Fine Glads"
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September 14, 1964
Seattle, Wn.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

What is the truth regarding Dan Smoot's resignation from the F. B. I.? We have heard that he was fired; then we read that he resigned; then we hear, Oh, he probably resigned under duress.

The facts, please.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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September 22, 1964

[Redacted]
Seattle 7, Washington

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of September 14th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Smoot was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, at which time he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons.

Sincerely yours,

T. F. HOGAN

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NOTE: Based on information furnished, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Howard Dan Smoot EOD 3-23-42 and resigned 6-15-51, following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement.

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Muncie, Indiana

September 21, 1964

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Dan Smoot of Dallas, Texas, distributes much material by mail and radio which raises questions in my mind about him. This is particularly true about his references to the National Council of Churches.

Mr. Smoot states that he worked for the FBI from 1942 - 1951. If the information is available, I should like to know what he did and the circumstances of his separation from the FBI.

I realize that some information of the Bureau is not available. What I have seen from Mr. Smoot seems to me to be the result of very shoddy investigation. This does not seem to be in keeping with the Bureau. I am wondering frankly if Mr. Smoot worked as an investigator and if his separation resulted from something other than a desire on his part to do something he considered more important or more lucrative.

Thank you for your information.

Yours truly,

[Redacted]

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September 25, 1964

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Riverside Church Evangelical
United Brethren
Wheeling Avenue at Neely
Muncie, Indiana

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of September 21st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, DAN SMOOT was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own, and I am sure you will understand why it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Lafayette, Indiana 47901
September 29, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F. B. I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Would it be possible for you or some-
one in the FBI to check for the integrity
of character of Dan Smoot?

I have read that for seven years he
was in the employ of the FBI. As you
know he is the author of the Dan Smoot
Report and by many of liberal leanings
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One scarcely knows what to believe these
days. I feel that ^{the} FBI cannot establish
on good authority that he either is, or
is not, a reliable "Conscientious person".

CORRESPONDENCE

TKR/AM

This would help me in sorting out the truth. So many good people are smeared these days for political advantage that the truth is difficult to determine.

I'm hoping you will be able to give me a character reference. Is he a person on whose writing I could depend?

Thanking you in advance for any help you can be I am

Sincerely yours,

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[REDACTED]
Kokomo, Indiana 46901
September 29, 1964

J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Would it be possible for you or someone in the FBI to vouch for the integrity of character of Dan Smoot?

I have read that for seven years he was in the employ of the FBI. As you know he is the author of the Dan Smoot Report and by many of liberal leanings he is declared a radical of the right. One scarcely knows what to believe these days. I feel that if I could establish on good authority that he either is, or is not, a reliable, conscientious person this would help me in sorting out the truth. So many good people are smeared these days for political advantage that the truth is difficult to determine.

I'm hoping you will be able to give me a character reference. Is he a person on whose writing I could depend?

Thanking you in advance for any help you can be I am

Sincerely yours,

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John F. Murphy
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[Redacted]
Kokomo, Indiana 46901

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of September 29th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Dan Smoot was a Special Agent of the FBI from March 23, 1942, to June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily submitted his resignation. His actions since that time are personal ventures, and I am not in a position to comment on them in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,
Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Would you or one of your staff be kind enough to give me some general information about a man named Dan Smoot.

There has been considerable disagreement between members of my family about him. I'm the one who disagrees but I would like very much to know if I'm correct in taking the position I have in the argument.

I understand he was at one time employed by the Bureau. To read about him, one would think him "perfect" and I've never been impressed with an impresser.

I would would like to know however, if I'm correct in my thinking about him and that is, "is he really just a plain old case of "sour grapes?"

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Thank you,

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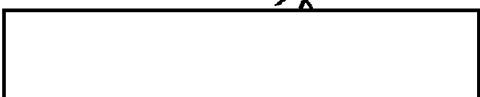
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El Sabrante, California

Dear [redacted]

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I have received your letter of July 26th.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that Mr. Howard D. Smoot was employed with the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own, and I am sure you will understand why it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

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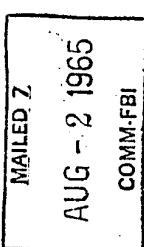
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J. Edgar Hoover

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Former FBI Man Gives Talk At Galion

Speaker Says Red Agents Roam U.S.

GALION --If we want to preserve our liberty, the United States must be strong and must be heard, it was asserted by Clarence F. Purdy, well-known Bucyrus attorney and former FBI agent, when he spoke in Galion Wednesday night. His subject was "Communism in the United States."

The speaker said that Russian agents are roaming the United States as they please. He quoted a report by Dan Smoot, former FBI agent, that showed while there are fewer than 25,000 Communists in this country, they are getting help from millions of non-Communists and fellow travelers through "front" organizations which are groups that look respectable and have a respectable name. The Communists penetrate these organizations, he pointed out. This is the case in our schools, our textbooks, and our teachers, he indicated.

COMMUNISTS in the United States and other countries and their activities are dominated by the Moscow leaders, the speaker said. The Communists are dedicated people and give Communism their full time. When they have controversy, they go back to Moscow for orders, and an agent is sent back to see that these orders are fulfilled, Purdy added.

Regarding the Supreme Court, the attorney said that 49 proven Communists were released by this highest court in the land. To show that Russia cannot be expected to respect any treaty, the speaker noted that out of 53 agreements the Communists have broken 50.

REFERRING to Americans for Democratic Action, the speaker said this organization took a strong stand for the abolition of congressional investigations of Communism. He charged the ADA is an extreme-left organization.

Purdy also called attention to the fact that Lee Oswald surrendered his United States Citizenship to Russia, and when he was refused citizenship by that country, the State Department paid his expenses to return to the United States when he could have been a spy.

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2 THE MANSFIELD NEWS JOURNAL

Dan Smoot

Date: 10/29/64

Edition: Final

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\$15,000 BOND AT STAKE IN LIBEL ACTION**Smoot Wants to Drop****Women Voters Suit**

The U. S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati has been asked to answer a unique question: Can a plaintiff in a libel suit be permitted to withdraw his suit before it goes to trial?

The plaintiff, Dan Smoot, a pamphleteer and TV commentator from Dallas, says yes.

U. S. District Judge Noel P. Fox off Grand Rapids, Mich., says no.

ONE FACTOR which makes the case more than ordinarily interesting is that Smoot, who filed the suit, had to put up a \$15,000 bond which he would forfeit if he loses his action for certain specific reasons.

Smoot filed in March a \$1 million libel suit against the League of Women Voters of Traverse City, Mich. The basis of his suit is a report published by the League about the regular viewing over a Traverse City TV station of Smoot's taped program.

SMOOT ALSO bases his case on a letter to the editor of the Traverse City newspaper. The letter, written by a League member, warned against extremists on television and in the newspapers. The letter did not mention Smoot's name.

Smoot now is asking for dismissal of his case because he did not "have a reasonable opportunity to engage other counsel and prepare the case for trial." Smoot's first attorney, Larry Davidow of Detroit,

is accused by Judge Fox of "delinquently" and aimlessly presenting Smoot's case."

Fox says he gave plenty of notice to both sides that wanted to try the case before the presidential election because the libel suit "would inhibit the League of Women Voters from doing that for which they were organized."

ONE REASON the case has been moving slowly may be a defense tactic which is rarely used. The League's attorney, Harold S. Sawyer, filed a motion asking that Smoot post a bond to pay for the costs of the defense.

The judge agreed that a bond should be posted and set it at \$15,000. The money is to be turned over to the League if at the end of the trial it appears that Smoot's law suit was instituted maliciously and is without probable cause.

An example of the slowness of the case is the failure of Davidow to present an itemized list of special damages that Smoot claims. Fox, on May 18, ordered Davidow to give him the list but as yet, a list has been presented to the court.

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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Price
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Evans
Mr. Gandy
Mr. Hagen
Mr. Johnson
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Miss Gandy

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Columbus Dispatch
Columbus, Ohio

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Dayton, Ohio

Journal Herald
Dayton, Ohio

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Author: James Horner
Editor: Dick Thornburg
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IN AN EFFORT to have the case heard before the election, Judge Fox set the trial date for Oct. 14. But on Sept. 25 Davidow protested that he was going to take his first vacation in six years and that he was sailing for Europe Oct. 14. Davidow promised that if the judge set the trial date after the first of January, "We shall be ready without any delay of any kind." Judge Fox refused to delay the case any longer.

Two weeks later the judge heard that Davidow "has been in bad health for an extended period" and that his doctor had ordered complete rest for him.

SMOOT'S NEW attorney, John F. Langs asked on Oct. 5 for the dismissal of the case because he did not have enough time to prepare for the trial. Judge Fox replied that in all the times Davidow was before the court, "at no time did he evidence any observable symptoms of ill health."

Again the judge ordered that the case be heard and that the trial start Oct. 14. But Langs has since appealed to the U. S. Court of Appeals here to order Judge Fox to dismiss the case.

IN HIS ANSWER to the

U. S. Court of Appeals this week Judge Fox said the case should go to trial because "it is as much a question of clearing the names and reputations of the defendants as it is of clearing the name and reputation of the plaintiff."

The judge says the aimless manner in which the

case has been handled, the timing of Davidow's vacation without proper notice and the recent change of attorneys are "indications of a definite plan of harassment and punishment in an effort to effectively silence the voice of criticism."

The Court of Appeals is

expected to announce its decision within a month.

IF THE CASE does come to trial it has every indication of being a cause celebre. Already the defense has prepared a list of prominent persons who will testify in behalf of the League.

Among those who have agreed to testify for the defense are John J. McCloy, a member of the Warren Commission; Martin P. Durkin, U. S. Secretary of Labor in the Eisenhower Administration; Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, and James J. Wadsworth, former U. S. ambassador to the UN.

Sawyer says his defense

will be ~~saying~~ that some of the positive documented issues of fact that Mr. Smoot has made in his television and radio broadcasts are based on half-truths and innuendoes and are sometimes worse, and we are prepared to do this."

SAWYER HAS indicated that part of his defense will be based on the landmark New York Times case which was decided by the U. S. Supreme Court last March.

In that case involving Montgomery, Ala., officials, the Supreme Court said the First Amendment is "a

profound national commitment to the principle that debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust and wide-open, and that it may well include vehement, caustic and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials."

The court said that for anyone to be guilty of libel, it must be proved that the criticism was deliberately or maliciously false.

Sawyer is expected to argue that the Times decision be expanded to include not only criticism aimed at public officials but also public commentators.

Smoot Ex-FBI Man

Dan Smoot is a former FBI agent who has joined that right wing group which warns of Communist subversion in the U. S.

Smoot has bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Southern Methodist University. He taught English at Harvard University for a year. When war broke out he joined the FBI and spent nine years as a agent. He left the FBI in 1951.

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Date: 5/5/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (63-4296-12)
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (94-188)
 SUBJECT: CRIMDEL

Xp. 12 J. O'Leary
 Re Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 4/27/66.

Item 1. DAN SMOOT WILLED \$1 MILLION

This was the caption of an article in the Dallas Times Herald, Tuesday, 5/3/66, as follows:

"Dallas-based television commentator Dan Smoot has been bequeathed \$1 million by millionaire Dallas Bedford Lewis of Los Angeles. *California Born approx 1904*

"Mr. Lewis, 62, president of a dog and cat food manufacturing company, died April 25 and his \$5.5-million will was filed for probate Monday.

"He also left \$1 million to the John Birch Society and another \$1 million to Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, provided that it honor Mr. Smoot with an honorary doctor's degree, Associated Press reported.

"An additional \$1.5 million was earmarked in the will to found an organization to be called Defenders of Liberty."

"This organization shall be the counterpart of the American Civil Liberties Union, except that it shall be exclusively devoted to the defense of American citizens who believe and stand for the Constitution of our United States in its entirety, as it stood up to and including the year 1950," Mr. Lewis explained in his will. *67-263 689-247 REC-145*

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 Special Agent in Charge

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"Most of the remainder of the estate was left to Mr. Lewis' family.

"Mr. Smoot is a former FBI agent and Harvard professor and founder of the old Facts Forum.

"He joined the FBI in 1942."

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Item 2.

[redacted] [redacted], an attorney in the Republic Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information on 5/4/66:

[redacted] related that [redacted], who is a multi-millionaire oilman in Dallas, Texas, contacted a person whom [redacted] did not identify about four weeks ago and told this person that he would like [redacted] to become more active in the National Democratic Party.

[redacted] wanted to know what he could do to become more acceptable to the White House. According to [redacted] information was relayed to White House Assistant [redacted] and in turn [redacted] passed this information along to the President. According to [redacted] the President replied that (1) the present administration did not need [redacted] help, (2) [redacted] was too much of a controversial figure and (3) the White House would prefer not to establish any relationship with him. As the Bureau is aware [redacted] has in the past sponsored Facts Forum, radio program, as well as the radio program known as Life Line.

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LOS ANGELES--THE WIDOW OF DALLAS BEDFORD LEWIS, WHO OWNED DR. ROSS DOG FOOD CO., HAS FILED SUIT AGAINST THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND RADIO COMMENTATOR DAN SMOOT.

MRS. YOLANDA LEWIS CLAIMED IN A SUPER COURT SUIT FILED FRIDAY THAT THE SOCIETY AND SMOOT INFLUENCED HER HUSBAND IN PREPARATION OF HIS WILL. LEWIS DIED APRIL 26 AT 62.

LEWIS LEFT \$1 MILLION EACH TO THE SOCIETY, SMOOT AND PEPPERDINE COLLEGE. THE COLLEGE, LOCATED HERE, REFUSED THE GIFT BECAUSE OF A CONDITION REQUIRING IT TO CONFER AN HONORARY DEGREE ON SMOOT.

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To whom it may concern;

Sirs,

I was listening to a program on my F.M. radio yesterday and heard something that first made me angry, and then because I am inquisitive and suspicious (like all Americans) I started wondering if this was a nut talking or an American. In order to put my mind at ease I decided to write and ask you.

The man's name is Dan Snoot and he was talking about a flyer in the service that 'our country' was going to try to railroad into a court-martial" and many years (25 to 30 years) in jail." You were suppose to ask for #612 with 25¢ and receive complete information so that you can distribute it among your friends.

Could you please tell me why this man left the F.B.I. and is he buttering us up for Communism. Truthfully my older children and I (I have six sons at home) are getting pretty damn sick and tired of these juvenile and adult delinquents raking our country over the coals and at the same time, still stay and live off the fat of the land.

Thank you

/s/



Huntington Beach, Calif. 92646

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To whom it may concern;

Sirs, I was listening to a program on my FM radio yesterday and heard something that just made me angry, and then because I am inquisitive and suspicious (like all Americans) I started wondering if this was a nut talking or an American. In order to put my mind at ease I decided to write and ask you.

The mans name is Pam Snoot and he was talking about a flyer in the service that "our County was going to try to railroad into a Court-Martial and many years (25 to 30 years) in jail." You will suppose to ask for # 612 with 25¢ and receive complete information so that you can distribute it among your friends.

Could you please tell me why this man left the F.B.I. and is he putting us up for Communism. Truthfully my older children and I (I have six sons at home) are getting pretty damn sick and tired of these juvenile and adult delinquents raking our country over the coals and at the same time, still stay and live off the fat of the land.

Thank You

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June 8, 1967

[Redacted]
Huntington Beach, California 92646

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of June 3rd.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Howard D. Smoot was employed by the FBI from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own, and I am sure you will understand why it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent, nor does telephone directory. Correspondent is being addressed "Mr" since the given name [Redacted] is used by both men and women.

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[Redacted]
Atwood, Kansas 67730

Dear [Redacted]

April 5, 1968

Service record to
Mr. Moore's Service re
Fannin's const. W.B.H.
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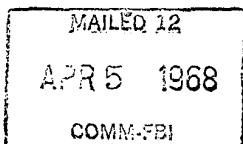
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Your letter of April 1st, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Howard D. Smoot was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own, and it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

With respect to the subject on which he wrote, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to the National Council of Churches.

I am herewith returning the item you made available.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

W. T. H.

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Freedom Club
First Congregational Church
540 So. Commonwealth
Los Angeles 5, California

Date: 7-10-69

To: J Edgar Hoover
FBI-Justice Dept
Washington, D. C.

We wish to order the following: 200 copies of your Message from the Director in the June 69 issue of FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin if they are available.

Please submit your bill in duplicate, if possible. (part of form -
Thank you. answered previously)

Sincerely,



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Freedom Club Associates

Would you add to your mailing list for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin
L. A. 90039. He is retired
L. A. County Coronor or was chief toxicologist (don't remember) & was
mentioned in regard to one of your articles in a recent bulletin. He's been
reading our copies & I know would like his own. Thank you.

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Freedom Club Associates
First Congregational Church
540 South Commonwealth
Los Angeles, California 90005

Dear [redacted]

In reply to your letter of July 10th, with enclosure, I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, 200 copies of my message which appeared in the June, 1969, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

Although I would like to comply with your other request, the Bulletin is published primarily for those actively engaged in law enforcement and is distributed free of charge. While we wish we could make the Bulletin available to all who express an interest in it, the current demand for this publication and our budgetary limitations preclude sending this magazine to [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

1 [redacted] Room 4724 (Sent Direct)
USC Material: 200 copies of 6/69 Law Enforcement Bulletin Introd

Re: D
NOTE: We have had much cordial correspondence with [redacted] in the past as well as with other members of Freedom Club Associates. We have furnished this group reprints in volume. [redacted] has been previously advised that there is no charge for any of our material. The above reply with regard to furnishing the Bulletin to [redacted] who is not identifiable in Bufiles, is believed appropriate since [redacted]

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NOTE CONTINUED: who was the pastor of the First Congregational Church and closely associated with this group, is on the Special Correspondents List. Last outgoing to [redacted] was dated 9/5/68 in reply to her request for excerpts from the Director's appropriations testimony. (62-100838). Correspondent's enclosure is a Church Bulletin announcing that Dan Smoot, a former Special Agent of the FBI, was to be the speaker at a Freedom Club meeting. This bulletin had previously been received by the Bureau.

Drew University
Madison, New Jersey 07940
March 23, 1971

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Personnel Division
Pennsylvania Avenue 19 NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As means of introduction, I am a Drew University student doing a research paper on fluoridation of community water supplies. My research has required cooperation from several Congressmen, the AMA, the ADA, the U.S. Public Health Service, and many other organizations. I am now asking the FBI for its cooperation.

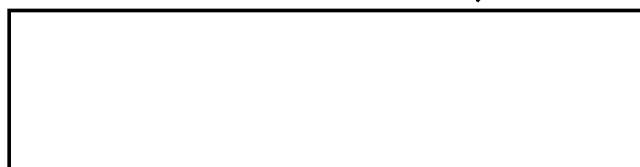
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I read in the Dan Smoot Report (volume 10, number 49, December 7, 1964, Dallas, Texas) that Daniel Smoot was in the employ of the FBI. According to this report, he was an agent from 1942 to 1951, serving 3½ years on communist investigations, 2 years on FBI headquarters staff, and 4 years on general FBI cases in various places. He resigned from the FBI in 1951.

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I would appreciate very much your confirming this data and informing me as to his status with the FBI while employed ~~1 APR 2 1971~~

If all of the above stated proves to be valid, then I believe that it is very unfortunate that the U.S. Government hires such narrow-minded people who oppose so strongly the fluoridation of public water supplies. I have done extensive research and have so far concluded that fluoridation is probably one of this century's greatest public health achievements.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Very sincerely yours,



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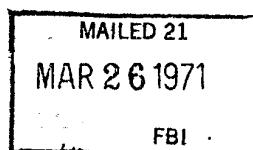
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**Drew University
Madison, New Jersey 07940**

Dear Mr. Menczer:

In reply to your letter of March 23rd, the only information I can furnish you is that Mr. Howard D. Smoot was employed with the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own, and it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

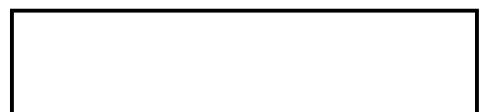


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Haverhill, Mass 01830
Dec. 20, 1971

Dear Mr. Hoover,

as a very Concerned American, believing in a Constitutional republic that is being attacked on all sides by the Communist menace I write personally to you for some facts. Could you send me some information on the following subjects?

- 1). Under what Conditions did Mr. Dan Smoot, Author of "The Invisible Government", resign from your bureau?
- 2.) Do you have any information that would lead you to believe that the Council of Foreign Relations is Communist dominated?
- 3.) Is it true that Walter Whitman Rostow was refused a security Clearance during the Kennedy - Johnson administration and the executive branch waered (?) this Clearance and gave him the specific job of heading the Team that prepared the Pentagon Papers?
- 4.) Do you have any information to indicate that Mr. Nord Davis Jr, publisher of the Bulletin "Pardon Me, But." has ever been involved in any subversive Activities?
- 5) Has the John Birch Society ever been investigated by your bureau and, if so, what were the results?
- 6) What possible reason was given to you for not allowing your bureau to investigate president Kennedy's assassination? Even an uninformed individual like myself can see there is something very wrong with the Warren Commission report-

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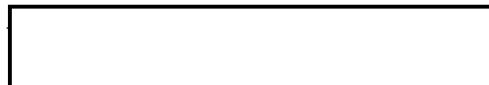


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Sir, I am truly and deeply Concerned about the road
my Country is being driven down and I fear for what may
happen if you are forced to retire.

any information will be appreciated.

Yours Truly



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January 3, 1972

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rd D. Smoot

[redacted]
Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830

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Dear [redacted]

In reply to your letter received on December 23rd, the only information I can furnish you regarding Mr. Howard D. Smoot is that he was employed with the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned.

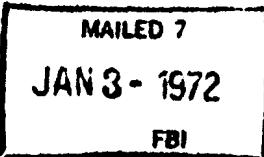
For your information, at the request of President Johnson, the FBI conducted investigation regarding the assassination of President Kennedy and furnished the results of our inquiries to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. The Commission published its findings and included FBI data in its report. Perhaps a copy of this will be available in your local library.

With respect to your other inquiries, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Return to R. M. S. [redacted]

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MRS

JEW

[Redacted]
ATTORNEY AT LAW

January 21, 1974

The National Headquarters of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Capital
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have just finished reading a book furnished to me by a John Bircher friend of mine entitled "The Business End of Government" by Dan Smoot. The book is copywrited in 1973 by Western Islands Publishers of Belmont, Mass. 02178.

The only biography of the author I can find is on the back cover of the book in which he states he is a former FBI agent and a member of the FBI headquarters in Washington.

In his book, Mr. Smoot seems to be an authority on nearly every subject. There are chapters devoted to railroading the public, trustbusting, unions and labor, farming and framing the taxpayers, federal form pollution and something called is the goose in the oven? The author writes as an authority on all subjects and seems to be free from any requirement to document statements which he makes. I would be most interested in the educational background of this author, and, if in fact, he was ever in the FBI.

May I impose upon you to jot down on the bottom of this page if in fact this man has ever served in the FBI.

I would like to impose upon you further that if you are familiar with any public reference to this man's qualifications, I would be most obligated to you if you could furnish me a reference to such a publication.

[Redacted] tting down the answers to the questions on the
[Redacted] wish to conserve time and energy.

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for reply

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cc/ [Redacted]

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CORRESPONDENCE

612 . 670 . 1754

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January 28, 1974

[REDACTED]
Mora, Minnesota 55051

Dear [REDACTED]

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With respect to the request in your letter of January 21st, the only information I can furnish you is that Mr. Howard D. Smoot was employed with the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own, and it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

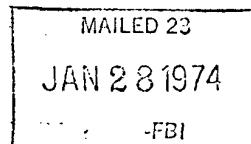
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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Dear Sirs:

Howard D Smoot

after talking with the local F.B.I.
office at Green Bay, he suggested I
write to you about my question

This is: in regard to the Book
"None Dare Call it Conspiracy"
by Gary Allen.

The question is: Has this book
any Basis in fact? 3/025/76 - 223
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Since Mr. Allen mentioned that
the contents of his book has to
a large extent been obtained
from U.S. Intelligence agencies,

and claims that his co-worker

is one: Dan Smoot, former ^{and} ~~and~~ CORRESPONDENT

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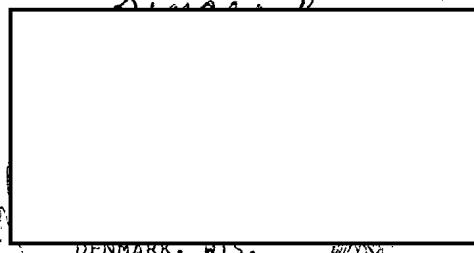
To J. Edgar Hoover, I have
Presumed that the F.B.I. is
Somehow involved or at least in a
Position to know whether Allen's
book has any Validity.

This is one of the most devastating
books I have ever read and if
it is true, how have these
things been allowed to continue?

If it is false, Why hasn't
Nelson Rockefeller Prosecuted Mr.
Allen??

Can you help me make some
sense out of all of This?

Sincerely,



DENMARK, WIS.
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C.

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February 17, 1976

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[REDACTED]
Denmark, Wisconsin 54208

Howard D. Smoot

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of February 3rd, I am unable to furnish any information relative to your inquiry since it is contrary to my policy to comment on any material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. Further, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, the FBI does not evaluate or draw conclusions about any publication or individual.

For your information, Howard D. Smoot was employed with the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, to June 15, 1951, when he resigned. Mr. Smoot's personal ventures, as well as opinions and comments since he left this Bureau, are strictly his own and it is not possible for me to comment further.

Sincerely yours,
Clarence M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

FBI

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Bufiles reflect prior correspondence concerning the book, "None Dare [REDACTED] Call It Conspiracy," by Gary Allen, and former Special Agent Howard D. Smoot. This reply is based on past responses concerning the book and Smoot.

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To: Director

Att.: PERSONNEL SECTION FILE

Date 11/15/76

Howard Drummond

Title DAN SMOOT
PAST EMPLOYEE

SAC _____

ASAC _____

Supv. _____

Agent _____

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Clerk _____

Rotor #: _____

ACTION DESIRED

Acknowledge

Open Case

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Prepare tickler

Call me

Return assignment card

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Search and return

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Delinquent

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Discontinue

Post Recharge Return

Expedite

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For information

Submit report by _____

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Leads need attention

Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

Attached is a letter received at the Chicago Office requesting same be forwarded to DAN SMOOT. Chicago indices reflects DAN SMOOT was an FBI Agent from 3/23/42 - 6/15/51 and resigned voluntarily. The whereabouts of SMOOT are unknown to Chicago.

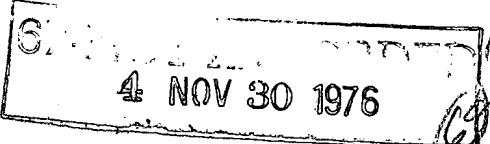
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[REDACTED]
La Grange, Illinois 60525
November 13, 1976

Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Would you please forward this letter to Dan Smoot who was an agent of yours as I only know of his address in Dallas, Texas from years ago. Then , which was in in 1962 or 1963 it was:

The Dah Smoot Report, Inc.
P.O. Box 9538
Dallas, Texas 75214

I was told to send this enclosed letter to you and it would reach him.

Thank you!

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Sincerely,

P.S. I am just beginning to type again and need alot of practice. Please forgive my errors. Hurt my hands and arms from heavy lifting and exercising but this is better then my handwriting today.

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November 29, 1976

[Redacted]
La Grange, Illinois 60525

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Dear [Redacted]

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter directed to our Chicago Office and received in this Bureau November 17, 1976, regarding Mr. Dan Smoot, who was formerly employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This is to advise you that our records do not indicate a current address for Mr. Smoot.

The letter to him which you enclosed is being returned to you. I regret that I am unable to assist you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Enclosure

1 - SAC, Chicago (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

For your information.

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Howard D. Smoot was employed as a Special Agent from 3-23-42 to 6-15-51, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons after being censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to derelictions in not appraising the Bureau of certain matters. He has attempted to use his prior service in the Bureau to enhance his endeavors since he resigned. There are several file references on the correspondent; none of which are relevant to this matter.

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